

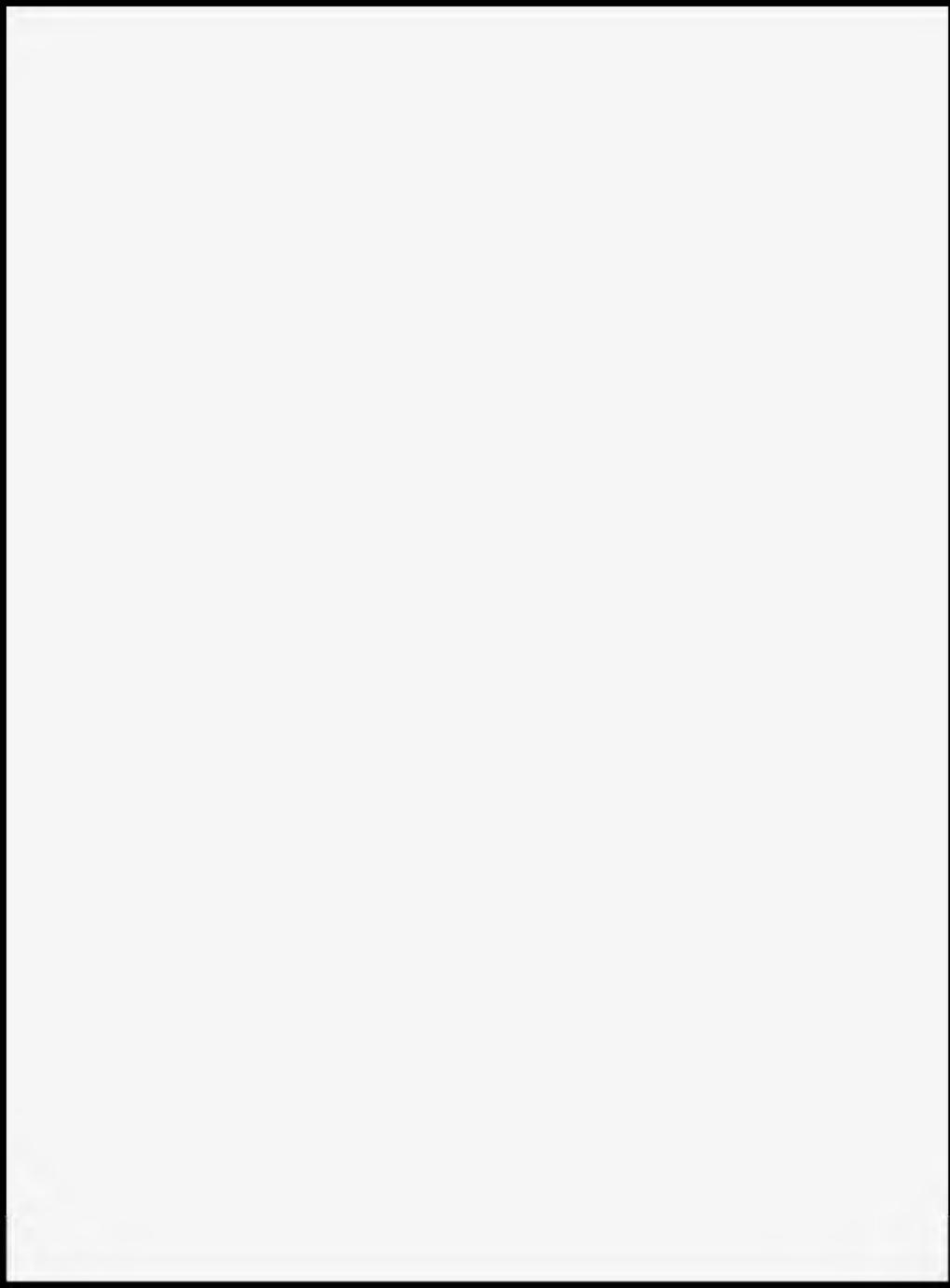
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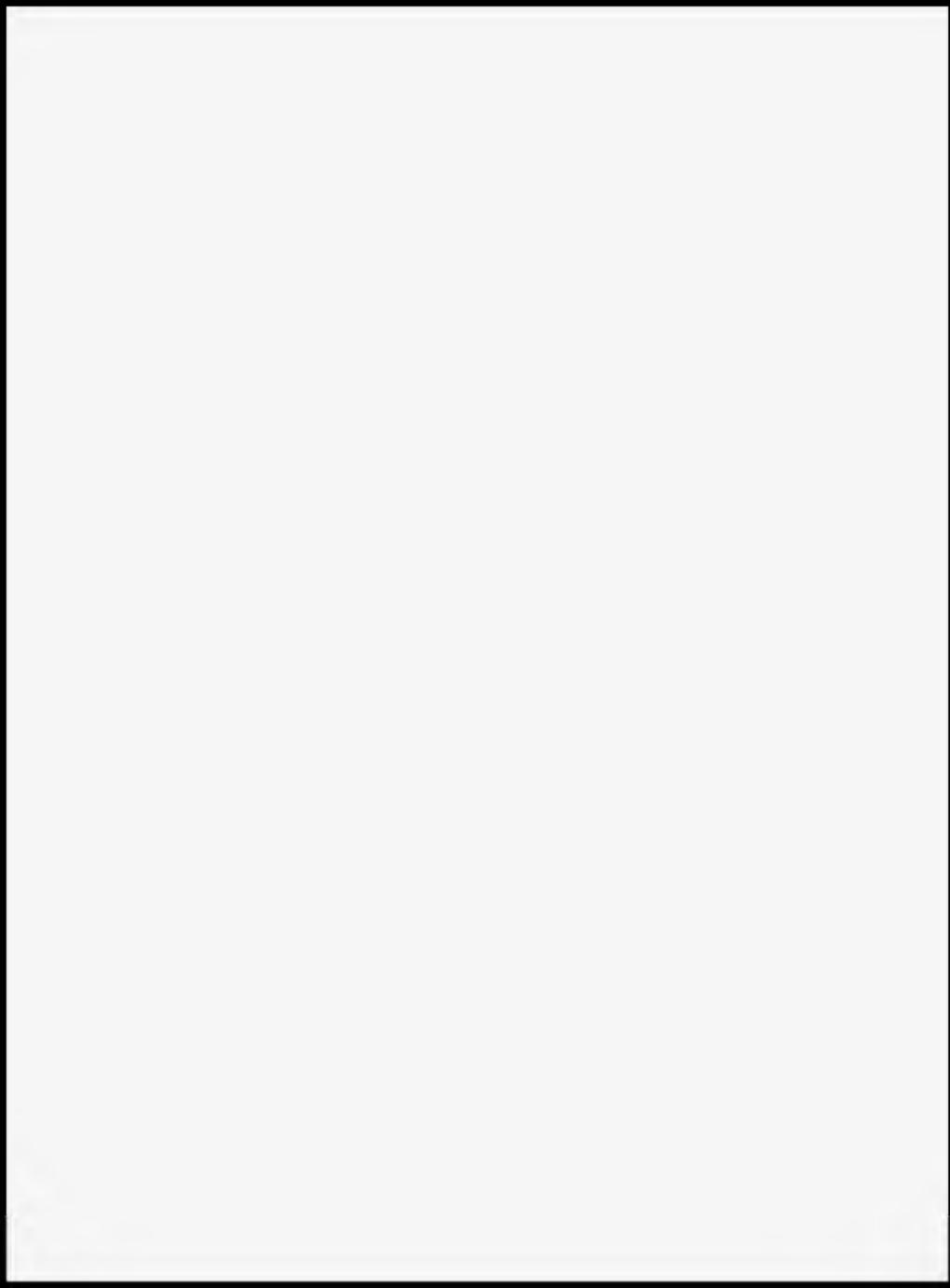
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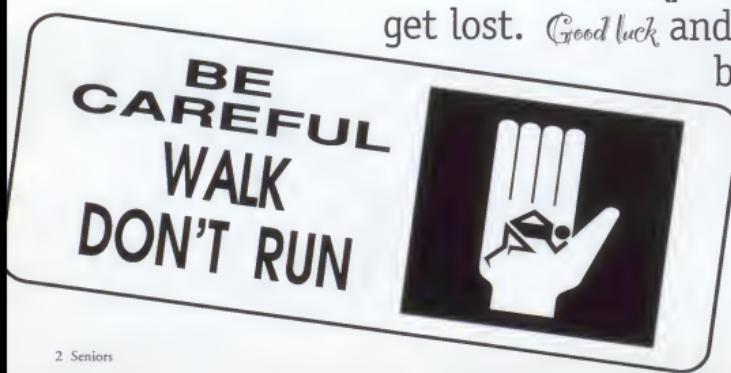
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Welcome to HIGH SCHOOL 101 where anyone and everyone can learn the *who*, the *what*, the *when*, the *where*, the *why*, and even the *how* of high school. What's that you say? You don't have a *clue* where to begin, *right*?! Well, say *HELLO* to *Lloyd*, our tour guide. You may or may not have seen him on the preceding page (*if not, turn to page 2 now.*) *Lloyd* will take you through the entire hike as *painlessly* as possible. He'll be pointing out every *scenic stop* and *picture perfect event* you can handle in order to make high school the best *4* years of your life. Have fun on your *journey*, watch out for *wild animals*, and follow the *road signs* so you don't get lost. *Good luck* and you may begin. . . .



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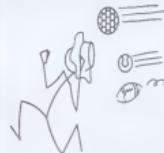
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Who's that guy over there? -People

As you walk with Lloyd, he points out the various faces you'll meet and get to know.

Friendships will be one of the most memorable things you'll obtain while in high school. Teachers

and faculty will provide the tools you need to receive the best education and an intriguing learning environment. Each class has its own personality and defining characteristics that distinguish it from the rest. So, check out the features and expect to see the faces that make up R.C.H.S.

Your complete guide to putting a name with the faces you see.



Kim McClellan gets up close and personal at a football game photo shoot. The sophomore class poses with pride at the homecoming parade line up. Mr. Brandenburg's goofy freshmen biologists are suited up with goggles and gloves to dissect the hearts of sheep. Beth Hannon and Brienne Hopkins attack the possessed DELL computer in an attempt to meet a yearbook deadline. Finally, Amanda Dewees is all laughs even though her decorative eye would make you think otherwise.



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Class of 1999

Can you believe it?

This is it. Yesterday is only a memory and tomorrow a hope, but **TODAY** is ours. We've spent twelve years together that will direct the years to follow. We will live by what we have learned from each other or we will walk away and forget it all. These pages represent our tribute to each other remembering how we have grown and changed together. And now for the rest of our lives.....

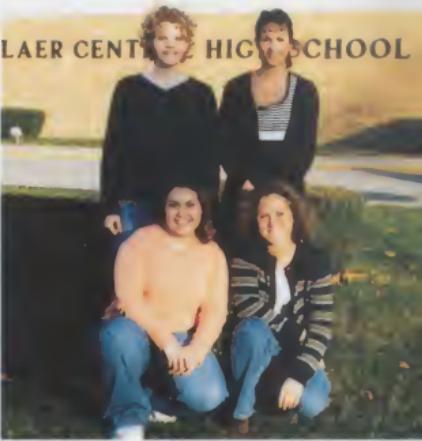


Tom Alberts, Sam Ampler, Alex Abel, Allison Allie, Garrett Alison



Craig Blasco, Blithe Bisner, Amanda Barden, Kathy Baker,
Nick Black, Ashley Baunach

Class of 1999 officers: Brienne Hopkins, president; Ashley Barnach, vice president; Ambry Lucae, secretary; and Amyela Koebke, treasurer.



Angela Carter, Kelly Bratton, Sean Cawley, Candice Bower,
Sarah Brown



Aimee Clowic, Chris Crynes, Candice Cook, Betty Clark

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Kim Edwards, Joe Dennis,
Jaimee Irady, Megan Critzer, Chirl Dobson, Steph Farris



Mahendra Gaud, Jessica Frederick, Beth Fish, Brooke Geera, Mary Jo Frederick,
Dana Garretto



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Kasey Gaud, Heather Geera, Derek Gaud, Lucy Gutwein,
Kelly Gudeman, Yo Gutwein

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Kelly Kulik, Angela Koebcke, Alex Kingman, Mike Koebcke,
Brandon Lakin, Matt Kiger, Larri Kristoffersen



Jenna Rinkle, Staci Ramitra, Beth Hannon, Amy Rainewich, Heather Hoffmeyer,
Jim He



Hall of Fame

These seniors have been the standouts in their class. These are the people you need to know. The people who were heard, who were seen, who were friendly, and who were the most fun to be around. These are the people who made a difference - good, bad or funny - in the lives of their classmates.

Take notes.

Enchanting Eyes - Angela Koebcke, Lars Kristofferson

Flowing Locks - Beth Tatlock, Yo Gutwein

Kiss-Ups - Andrea Virok, Jatin Patel

Art Crazy - Sarah Brown, Yo Gutwein

Stylin' Threads - Allison Allie, Tom Alberts

Swingers - Desiree Hopkins, Alex Kingman, Tom Alberts

Match Made In Heaven - Beth Tatlock, Garrett Alson

Funny Bones - Jodi Daniels, Alex Kingman

Goofy Grins - Aimee Clouse, Matt Kiger

Sporty - Jessica Fredrick, Garrett Alson

Music Makers - Kelly Vogt, Josh Taylor

Destined for Success - Brienne Hopkins, Luke Tillett

Big Mouths - Kelly Gudeman, Alan James

Gossip Center - Ambry Lucas, Jatin Patel

Flirty - Pepper Brock, Sean Cawby

Hot Stuff - Sarah Brown, Justin Roberts

Bringers of Good Cheer - Jodie Lakin, Alex Kingman

Bomber Super Fans - Lauren McIntyre, Jatin Patel

Masters of Originality - Danielle Frazee, Yo Gutwein

Nice Rear View - Tonya Turner, Justin Roberts

Everyone's Best Friends - Beth Hannon, Luke Tillett

King and Queen of Clutter - Jodie Lakin, Jason Robinson

Neat Freaks - Ashley Baunach, Kathy Baker, Luke Tillett

"There's always tomorrow." -

Tiffany Stalbaum, Tom Alberts

Wicked Wheels - (best) Holly Wing,

Joe Hopp; (worst) Stephanie Faris,

Jason Robinson

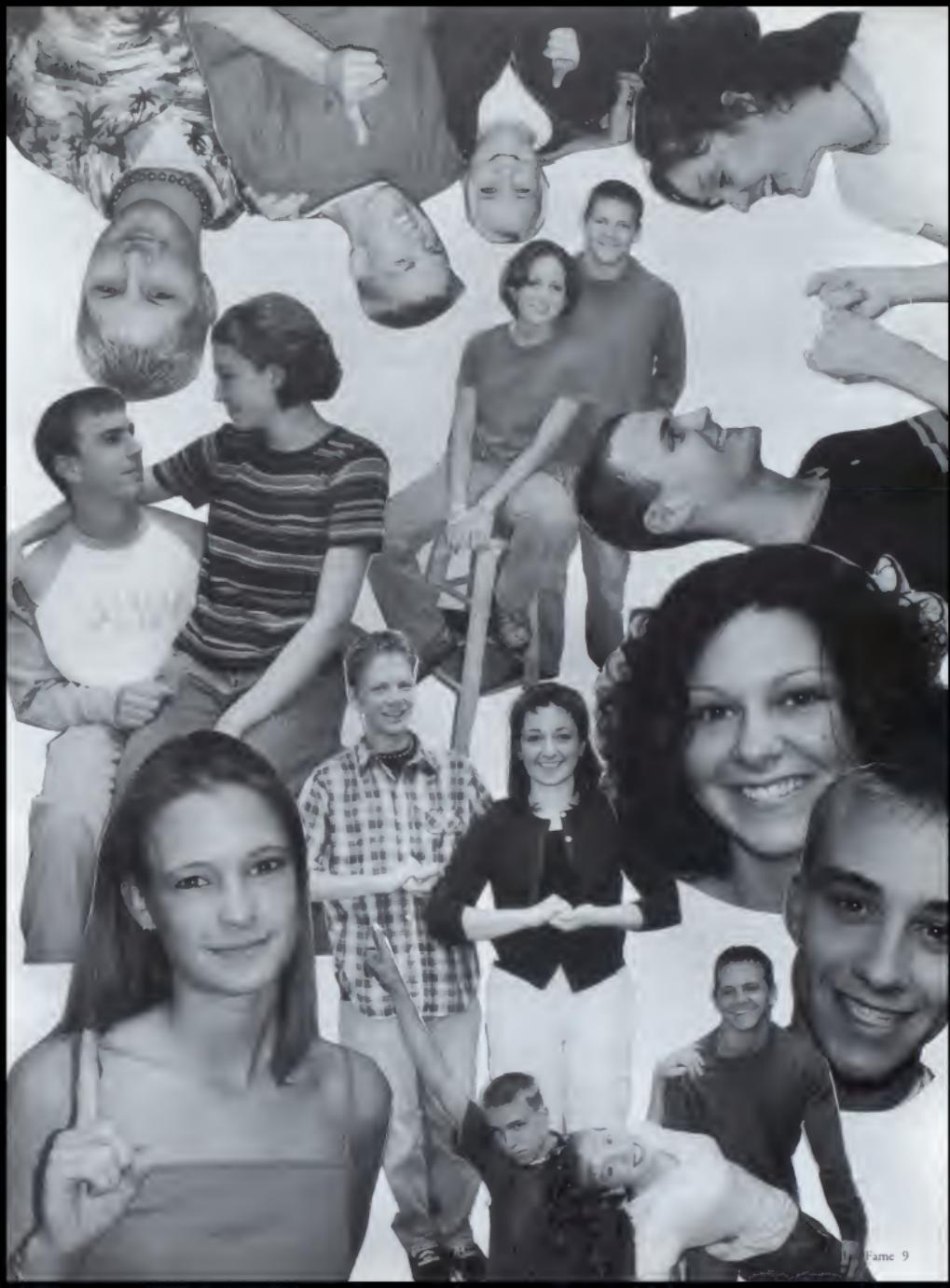
Potential Psychos -

Steph Faris,

Denny Shanlau

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Joe Hopp, Julie Homan, Chris Hardison, Beth Houston, Desiree Hopkins, Brienne Hopkins



Amy Peterman, Robb Pfaff, Brendan Riley, Jatin Patel, Stephanie Plant, Sara Puff



Alan James, Kristina Jarrette, Chris Kellaw, Wendi Joseph, Tiffany Jordan, Stacy Johns, Stephanie Jordan



Laura Meyers, Becky Moore, Katie Mitchell, Laura Morrisal, Mark Moore,
10 Seniors Lauren McIntyre



Amber Lucas, Barb Lewis, Takatha Martin, Cory Malchow, Jim Luzzader, Jodie Lakin

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Andrea Neilsen, Shannon Neilsen, Cara Ockerman, Jake Nagel



Jason Robinson, Nathan Schleman, Justin Roberts, Dave Risner, Denny Shanahan, Kristina Russell



Jason Thompson, Luke Tillett, Josh Taylor, JR Studer, Beth Taflock, Jessica Taulman



Amanda Stone, Brandy Stone, Sarah Stone, Jason Scott, Mark Slade
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Sneaking a peak!

If the boys are wondering what is going on downstairs in their two story place all they have to do is glimpse down the stairs to find out as the photo below shows.

Friends Forever

No matter what happens in life these guys will always have a special bond. Acting crazy, like the photo to the right shows, is one of many great memories the guys will have.



Q. & A.

INSIDE SCOOP ON THE GREENE ROOM



Jatin Patel

"The Greene Room is a great place to go to be with my friends, and I love going there to dominate the ping pong table!"



Lars Kristoffersson

"I think it's a cool place because we can be there instead of the streets. It is fun to hang out there because there are so many different people there at one time."



Brendan Riley.

He's the hombre in charge. Yes, that's right he is the president of the Greene Room and as he shows above, he is darn right smiley about it. Maybe the reason he is the BMOC (big man on campus) is because the Greene Room happens to be located in his backyard. Whether or not he's president he loves to be a part of the Greene Room!



"The Greene Room," dedicated in the memory of our great friend, Joby Greene, entitles 21 members. The group is made of 16 senior men and 5 sophomores.



Close and Personal
The picture to the left is of Alex Kingman and Alex Abel. These two are proud of the love they feel for one another and don't mind expressing it!

The Official Senior Group
Clock wise starting from the left:
Lars Kristofferson, Tommy Alberts, Brendan Riley, Jatin Patel, Garrett Alson, Mike Koebcke, Matt Kiger, Alex Kingman, Alex Abel, Sean Cawby, Yo Gutwein, & Chad Witherington



Guests Are Always Nice
This group shot of the gals up above shows a few of the many guests that the Greene Room members have invited to come for some visits. Because the place wouldn't be the same without the gals!

Whoops! They Missed Out
These two, Justin Roberts and Dave Risner, were unfortunately absent the evening of the photo shoot for the Greene Room so we caught a sneak peak of them at school. Also missing was Cory Malchow, although not shown, he is a full pledged member.

By Ambyr Lucas and Brendan Riley
Who's that guy over there? 13



Andrea Virok, Charlie Todd, Neenah Van Blaricom, Kelly Vogt, and Tamya Turner



Holly Wing, Chad Witherington, Justin Wilkerson, and Dierdre Wiener



Kristen Wickert, Libby Weston, Melinda Walker, Jennifer Wickert, and Susan Wakeland



Tiffany Stalbaum, Jenny Swope, Tanya Vigeant, Nicole Amsler, Jodi Daniels, and Cole Schultz



Dawn Bierman, Paul Irwin, Carrie Day, Ben Croftee, Shelly Bailey, Scott Neely, and Ryan Rayonec



Class of 2000

Class of '00 class officers for 1998-1999 are treasurer, Jodi Graf; secretary, Amber Baggerly; president, Lindsey Jeffries; vice-president, Jill Wiltfang.



Michael Aichner
Adam Alson
Joshua Anselm
Rayne Arnett
Amber Baggerly
Sarah Bailey





Justin Davis
Brian Delaney
Christina Doege
Darci Donnelly
Julie Dresher
Andy Earnest



Mathew Edwards
Michael Edwards
Michelle Filson
Cassandra Frazeel
Melissa Gilbert
Kevin Gillespie



Christa Goodman
Jody Graf
Michael Gross
Jonathan Hale
Brian Hannon
Rebekah Hansen



Joshua Hardin
Sarah Hardin
Alisha Harper
Brandon Hatfield
Nathan Hornbeck
Nicole Howell



Trisha Huhn
Tanya Igoe
Glenn Ingram
Lindsey Jeffries
Debbie Jennings
Dougie Johnson



Kimberly Joseph
Morgan Keiper
Leslie Kennedy
Amanda Kerkes
Kyle Kohlhagen
Brett Kosanovich



Erin Kosta
Lori Lane
Dennis Luchene
Amber Luzadder
Daron Lynch
Heather Lyons

Heath Malone
Haney Marlin
Nycole Martin
Thomas Martin
Amber Mattocks
Michelle Mattocks



Tracy McCarty
Kim McClellan
Kevin McNamara
Jennifer Mikula
James Minix
Jamie Minix



Kari Mitchell
Elizabeth Morris
Mike Morrison
Eric Nagel
Kyle Nagel
Nicole Nagel



Jon Nolen
Cassandra Norrington
Travis Owsley
Christopher Peck
Selina Peterson
Matthew Pizer



Anna Poppen
Dannielle Pruitt
Jamie Pucka
Brandy Putman
Kristen Putt
Ian Querry



Amanda Robbins
Bryan Rodibaugh
Maria Rodriguez
Ronald Sampson
Luke Sayers
Christopher Scheckel



Robin Schneidt
Jason Schultz
David Shanley
Krista Shelhart
Amy Shide
Chris Smith



Juniors:

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Juniors get loud at homecoming.

From left, Jody Graf, Nicole Martin, Beth Morris, Jennifer Whitaker, and Kyle Curtis.

Juniors get "studying" done.

From left Sarah Bailey, Kim McClellan, Jared Courtney, and Kevin Zacher get a little morning "homework" done before school starts. Students who have good time management skills know that the time before school is prime time to get their studies done.



Athletic support comes from 2000.

Ryan Stanley and Meeghan Smith get rowdy at a basketball game. Ryan and Meeghan were joined by many other RCHS students as well. A brand new student cheer block emerged this year. The sign totin' crowd was present as almost every home athletic contest.



BTv @ relies in special juniors.

Morgan Keiper concentrates and mixes another Bomber Vision together. She has been a key player on the technical side of BTv for the past two years. Her hope is that when she's a senior, Bonber Vision will ROCK!

Layout by Jarod Courtney and Michael Aickner.

Kristina Smith
Meeghan Smith
Amanda St. John
Ryan Standish
Ryan Stanley
Jarod Steffen



Seth Streitmatter
Charles Swartzell
Brittany Sweeney
Christina Teske
Kara Tiede
Courtney Tillotta



Todd Tillotta
Peter Tychek
Scott Walker
Patricia Wheedon
Jennifer Whitaker
Candice Wilkerson



Patrick Williams
Jill Wilfong
Joshua Wireman
Angela Wood
Ashley Wood
Tara Wood



Kenny Wright
Kristina Wright
Christopher Yenna
Tim Yenna
Ray Yeoman
Adam Zacek



Kevin Zacher





2000 knows how to party!

Ryan Standish and Kim McClellan and Alisha Standish take two seconds from dancing to link arms for this picture. The three juniors had a blast at the Sunshine dance '98. You can tell by their smiling faces that the evening is far from over.

Feast of The Hunters Moon
more than just extra credit
M. Keiper, B. Kosanovich, M. Smith, J. Steffen, M. Casey, K. Darnaby, and L. Kennedy enjoy a wonderful "junior day" and a bonding that will last forever (or until they graduate.)



Top Ten

Class of 2000

Most Memorable Moments Together



Nycole Martin reminiced about the chaperones on the Washington D.C. trip. Learning the phrase "10-4 good buddy" in sign language and hearing Southern Belle jokes form Mrs. Raff accentuated her trip.



Kyle Nagel remembers at one of his infamous Halloween parties that a lot of frogs were thrown into his hot tub. He also relished in watching the activities that were going on in the woods.

10. Smore night
60' Bleach?
9. Being the last fifth grade at RCMS
8. Parties Kyle's in 8th grade and Annie's in 7th grade.
7. Chanting "8th grade sucks" in 6th grade
6. Picking corn to raise money for prom.
5. D.C. Trip, Brett's broken finger and wars with Jaime Egan
4. "Jordan! CKKH!"
3. 7th grade shedd aquarium trip
2. Any and every junior day
1. Being the Class of 2000.



Sara Cummings had a plethora of memories to share. Her favorite one was listening to Meeghan Smith torment Brian Hannon by calling his fingers "portly."



Jahna Marlatt recalled that her most memorable moment was on the Washgonton D.C. trip in eighth grade. She vaguely remembers sneaking out of the dorm and going to the hill to admire the beautiful night sky.

Class of 2001

To the Front of the Class these officers do shine through. They are in charge of all the events and priorities the sophomore class holds. The officers for the class of 2001 are: President - Misty Demoss, Vice-President - Kristy Zobel, Secretary - Courtney Woodruff, and Treasurer - Lindsey Bailey.



Mark Alison
 Nick Ames
 Jessica Arnett
 Kathy Bailey
 Lindley Bailey
 Amber Barden



Wayne Baumman
 Eleanor Black
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 Clarissa Bower
 Adam Brantner
 Garrett Brock



Laura Brown
 Tara Burman
 Brandee Cain
 Abigail Canaday
 Kristi Canine
 Relisa Carr



Graham Carroll
 Brandie Chamberlain
 Mercedes Clark
 Joshua Clouse
 Jennifer Cook
 Kristy Cotner





Markus Davis
Misty DeMoss
Amanda DeWeer
Karaee Dickson
Jason Dobson
Adrienne Doerge



Holly Dulrey
Steve Duran
Emily Fanch
David Fields
Dan Floyd
Bradley Furst



Charity Geera
Raymond Golder
Nicole Goodman
Michael Greene
Amber Gross
Tracie Gross



Amanda Gutwein
Kristen Hamstra
Doug Hannon
Casey Herron
Kyle Herzon
Jessica Hill



Nolan Hitchcock
Justin Hobbrook
Samantha Hopkins
Frank Hubbard
Christina Jacobson
Kyle Johns



Joshua Jones
Samantha Joseph
Corie Kennedy
Bradley Kaye
Jesse Kennedy
Jason Kent



Michelle Kiger
Kara Kofta
Amy Lakin
Brian Lakin
Courtney Lakin
Shannon Lakin

Suzanne LeGrand
Robert Linkback
Matthew Lovley
Alina Lucas
Carmen Marrero
Wesley Martin



Wesley Mattocks
Tiffany Maxwell
Jessica Mercer
Allison Moore
Tina Murillo
Leora Murphy



Danielle Nagel
Ashli Nelson
Eric Nyström
Angela Owlesley
Chad Pearl
Lesley Peterson



Travis Peterson
Sarah Platt
Amber Platt
Stacy Platt
Betty Primeau
Trista Quarry



Kevin Raber Jr.
Randi Raff
Colin Riley
Serinity Roberts
Justin Rodbaugh
Kaye Rodbaugh



Randy Russell
Kristen Sanders
Brandon Schekel
Matt Schenk
Travis Sizemore
Austin Smith



Gaura Spence
Cory Spurgeon
John Stalbaum
Alicia Standish
Kristin Stath
Ashley Streitmatter



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Streeeeeesssed!
Courtney Lakin screams out of frustration to relieve stress in her already stressed out life. She's a perfect example to a victim of the overbearing coursework of R.C.H.S.



MIMM Good These sophomore girls party hearty to relieve stress. Sometimes you just need to relax and chill with the gals. Jessica Mercer and Kristi Canine



Run Forest Run Matt Schenck runs to relieve stress from the busy school year.



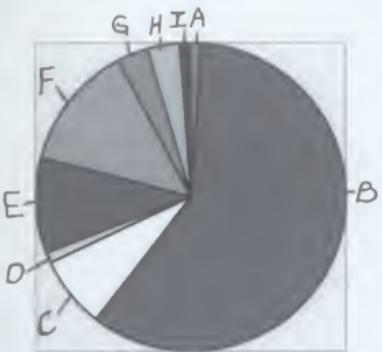
Deep in Thought
Jennifer Mercer, Kristi Canine, Emily Feicht, and Kristi Zobel partake in a little rest and relaxation during a party at school. If all else fails popcorn will always do the trick.



Daytime Dreamer
Samantha Hopkins relieves stress by sleeping. Her stress is caused by too much studying for tests in her World Civilizations class.

Ehren Stoff
Ryan Tamill
Rudy Taulman
Abby Thiel
Jon Tiebe
Matthew Tycheck





Sophomores Most Used Homework Excuses

- A: Mom bringing it later
- B: I forgot it in my locker
- C: I lost it
- D: I never got it
- E: I forgot about it
- F: I didn't understand it
- G: Too busy with other homework
- H: Didn't know how to do it
- I: I ate it

Specials

Crazy Stories

Top 10 Things Sophomore's Can't Live Without



"While on a trip with the band I walked out into the hall wearing my sports bra and shorts and a chaperone was in the hall and he saw me." **Shannon Lakin.**



"I was at my cousin's hog roast and I lost a bet and I had to dress up like a girl. At first I didn't want to do it, but I did. It was fun, crazy, and something I'll never forget." **Josh Jones.**

1. Friends
2. Food
3. Parents
4. Money
5. T.V.
6. Car
7. Sports
8. Water
9. Music
10. Sleep



"I was at a wedding reception and I saw a really hot guy there. I wanted to get his picture before I left, so I went up to him while he was buttering his roll and asked for his picture." **Jessica Mercer.**



"I've eaten five ice cream sundaes after a dinner of a fourth of a pizza on a shopping trip with my mom and aunt." **Eleanor Black.**

Class of 2002

First Year Leaders The following four freshmen took over the role of class leaders for their first year in high school. It was a big change from eighth grade, but they were ready for the challenge. Pictured is Danielle McGuire (Secretary), Bryan Inskeep (President), Ashley Hayworth (Vice-president), and Darshana Patel (Treasurer).



Spirited From the Start

This year's freshman class really held their own in various school wide activities, including the homecoming parade. Pictured are a few Bomber freshmen excited to ride the float during the parade.

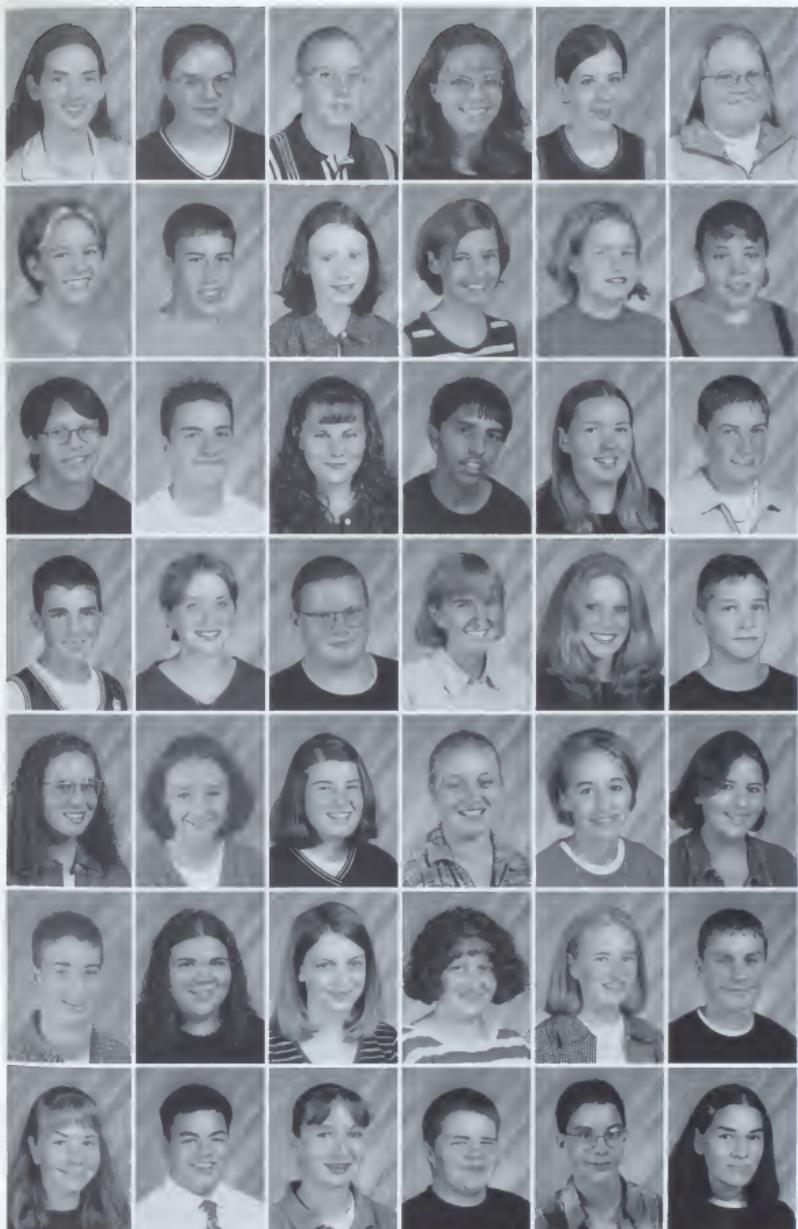


Alicia Adams
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Mike Asbell
Seth Baer
John Balvich
Amy Bardocci



Jayson Bennett
Julie Biernan
Dennis Black
Carmen Blubaugh
John Blue
Jocelyn Boose

Mike Bowman
Ashley Brennenman
Amanda Campbell
Carrie Campbell
Joshua Carr
Joey Chamberlain



Kristy Comley
Kylene Cooper
Byron Courtright
Katie Courtright
Amber Crister
Cassandra Daris

Tricia Dennis
Ben DeWees
Michelle Donnelly
Jenny Ewen
Chris Filson
Kendra Fraley

Nate Franco
Jeremy Freeman
Sarah Gaines
Sudhir Gaud
Jennifer Goad
Josh Golder

Matt Graf
Eva Gutwein
Martin Hall
Rhiannon Hartwell
Ashley Hayworth
John Head

Stacy Herre
Shyla Herson
Brooke Hewitt
Mandi Hinkle
Katie Hofmeyer
Candace Hofstader

Bryan Inskeep
Brittany Jarrette
Julie Jung
Marissa Klebs
Danielle Klopp
Brett Koebecke

Kara Kohlhagen
James Kupke
Kelly Lane
Scott Lockard Jr.
Aaron Lomax
Cerilisa Longoria

Joey Luchene
Todd Ludington
Miranda Luzzader
Amanda MacDowell
James Manning
Samash Marlin



Danielle Marrero
Jessica Martin
Nicolette Martinez
Alina Mathew
Rachel Mathew
Danielle McGuire



Keely McIlwain
Casey Messer
Jessica Miller
Amber Minix
Angela Morris
Sheena Murphy



Joel Nagel
Megan Nagel
Justin Nesius
Carrie Norrington
Jeffrey Northcutt
Anand Patel



Darshana Patel
Brandon Pellegrino
Kayla Peterson
John Quasebarth
Roy Rodriguez
Dayna Rusk



Brooke Schantz
Kira Schultz
Reed Schultz
Misty Schwamberger
Melisande Seely
Jennifer Shearer



Alexis Simmons
Robert Sipkema
Cassandra Smith
Terrah Smith
Zack Smith
Dallas St. John



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Receiving Novel Advice

Josh Carr obtains creative assistance to perfect his project from English teacher Mrs. Hancock.

Sharing Fresh Experiences

Having fun together is a priority for Angie Morris, Terrah Smith, Kelly Lane, Bethany Streitmatter, Eva Gutwein, and Keely McIlwain (all pictured in the lower left photo).

Discussing Novel Ideas

"When are you going to ask her out?" John Quasebarth asks Dallas St. John as they converse about the good-looking senior girls before class.



Facing Fresh Challenges

"Est-ce tu parles Francais?" Jocelyn Boose and Brooke Schantz prove they do while translating in French I.



Learning New Concepts

Aaron Voss determines the location of the right atrium while studying a sheep's heart in biology.

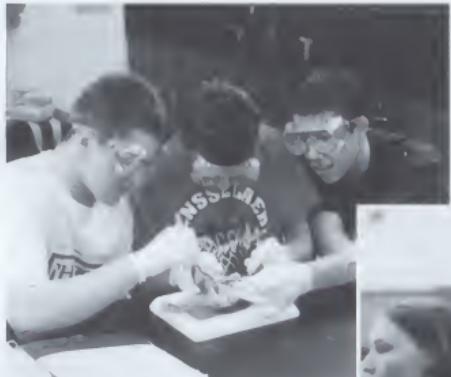
Reaching New Heights

Physical education whizzes Rhiannon Hartwell and Missy Seely display their amazing balancing abilities in the wrestling room during the gymnastics unit.

Nathan Stone
Bethany Streitmatter
Kathryn Tatlock
Kimbrel Taylor
Mary Tycheck
Amber VanBlaircom



Thomas Vigeant
Aaron Voiss
Emilia Waling
Jason Walker
Rachel Wireman
Mark Yoder



Freshmen in Action

Jeremy Freeman, Josh Carr, and Ben Dewees prove they're real men through the dissection of their sheep heart during a work day in Mr. Brandenburg's biology class. Carmen Blubaugh strengthens her vocals during choir class. She was under the direction of first-year teacher, Mrs. Urbano.





A, B, C Easy As 1, 2, 3
Freshman Kristina Marlin works hard on verbs in her grammar book in Mr. Mathew's English class.



Amy Bardozi Swims to the Finish

The second hour girls physical education class emulate fish in the RCHS pool.

Top Ten

Freshmen Take Over the Spotlight!

Question: What is it about your first year in high school that you remember the most?



"I'll definitely remember smore night."
-Ashley Hayworth



"I think that RCHS is the best trash food place to eat at."
-Jeremy Freeman

Words That Best Describes the Class of 2002

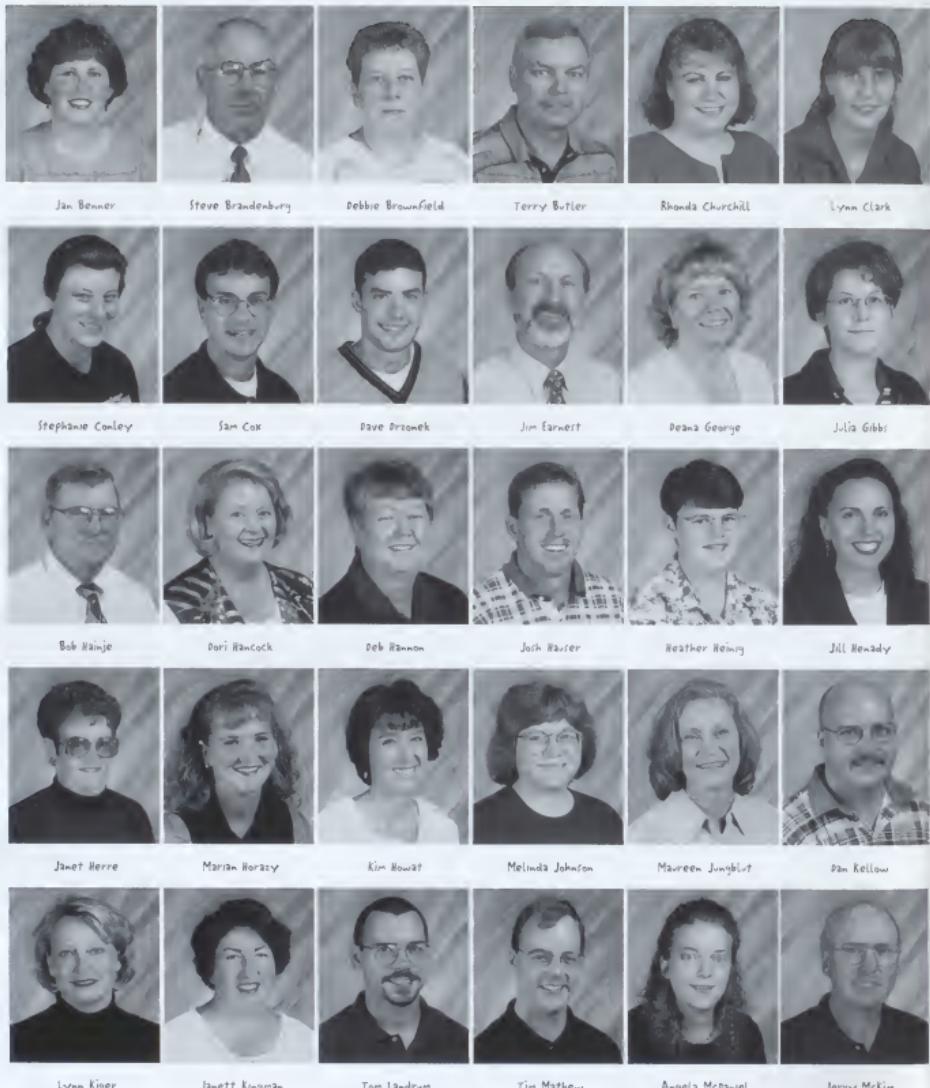
10. Small
9. Rowdy
8. Cool
7. Weirdo's
6. The Best
5. Flippin'
4. Unique
3. Awesome
2. Kickin'
1. Outgoing



"We feel that Seniors don't pick on freshmen too much."
-Samaah Marlin and Alina Mathew



"I feel that smore night was one of the highlights of my freshman year."
-Tom Vigean



To the Head of the Class

the infrastructure of our being - faculty and staff



Guidance Office Gurus

Mrs. Kiger and Mrs. Howat are busy discussing the file and schedule of a R.C.H.S. student. They are the backbone behind our counseling sessions and schedule set ups.

How May I Help You?

Mrs. Klemme jumped on board the office staff midway through the school year. She controls the ins and out of the students and keeps the chaos level of the administration to a minimum.



A Sitting Duck

Dr. Ryan got caught in the act by a sneaky photographer. He took on the role of the vice-principal this year. Apparently, he had time to spare within his busy schedule.



Amiee McKuhen



Chris Meeks



Nancy Messman



Luetta Nussbaum



Bill Dates



John Potter



Deb Price



Terri Rodibaugh



Betty Sayler



Norma Jean Schoette



Norita Schultz



Kelley Spurgeon



Rich Stefanich



Matt Stevens



Sarah Stone



Jane Swartzell



Ron Wamley



Bill Zimmer

More than a Handyman...



Always working behind the scenes.



A Hallway a Day...keeps the school looking spotless. Bill is hard at work before, during, and after school.

Where technology and maintenance combine.

Making the Most of Maintenance

Thank you for all your hard work!

Our janitorial staff and custodians maintain the excellence of our facilities.

CUSTODIANS

Larry Black
William Corbin
Darrald Crynes
Joe Lindstrom
Charles Rayburn

MATRONS

Kathryn Palmer
Phyllis Siegrist
Myrtle Sullivan



Here at
R.C.H.S. we
added some
new mem-
bers to our
family:

They are as
follows:

Mrs. Rodibaugh

Mrs. Virok

Mrs. Litner

Mrs. Chernowsky

Mrs. Howat

Mrs. Churchill

Mrs. Mc Daniels

Mrs. Urbano

Mrs. Black

Mrs. Urbano

Mr. Mathew



Help Me!

Mrs. Heining helps out Mrs. Chernowsky with the science assignments she had prepared while she was at home on maternity leave.

Hush Little Baby

Mrs. Rodibaugh gently holds one of the three child development "real-life" babies with automated qualities like that of a real baby. Her students were graded on how well they took care of the babies.



I'm Working Hard, Let Me Be Mrs. Black looks at a book to check the due date and make sure it doesn't need any work done to it.



Ask Me Anything Mrs. Litner, an L.D. Aid, grades the work of her many students. She enjoys working with them daily and improving the relationships with her new students.



Listen To My Words of Wisdom Mr. Mathew, a new english teacher, lectures one of his freshman classes. He joins us this year from Lake Central High School. The National Honor Society is also blessed to have his leadership for their club.

We are happy to have these newcomers here. We hope they like their first year here at R.C.H.S.

What should I do with my extra time?

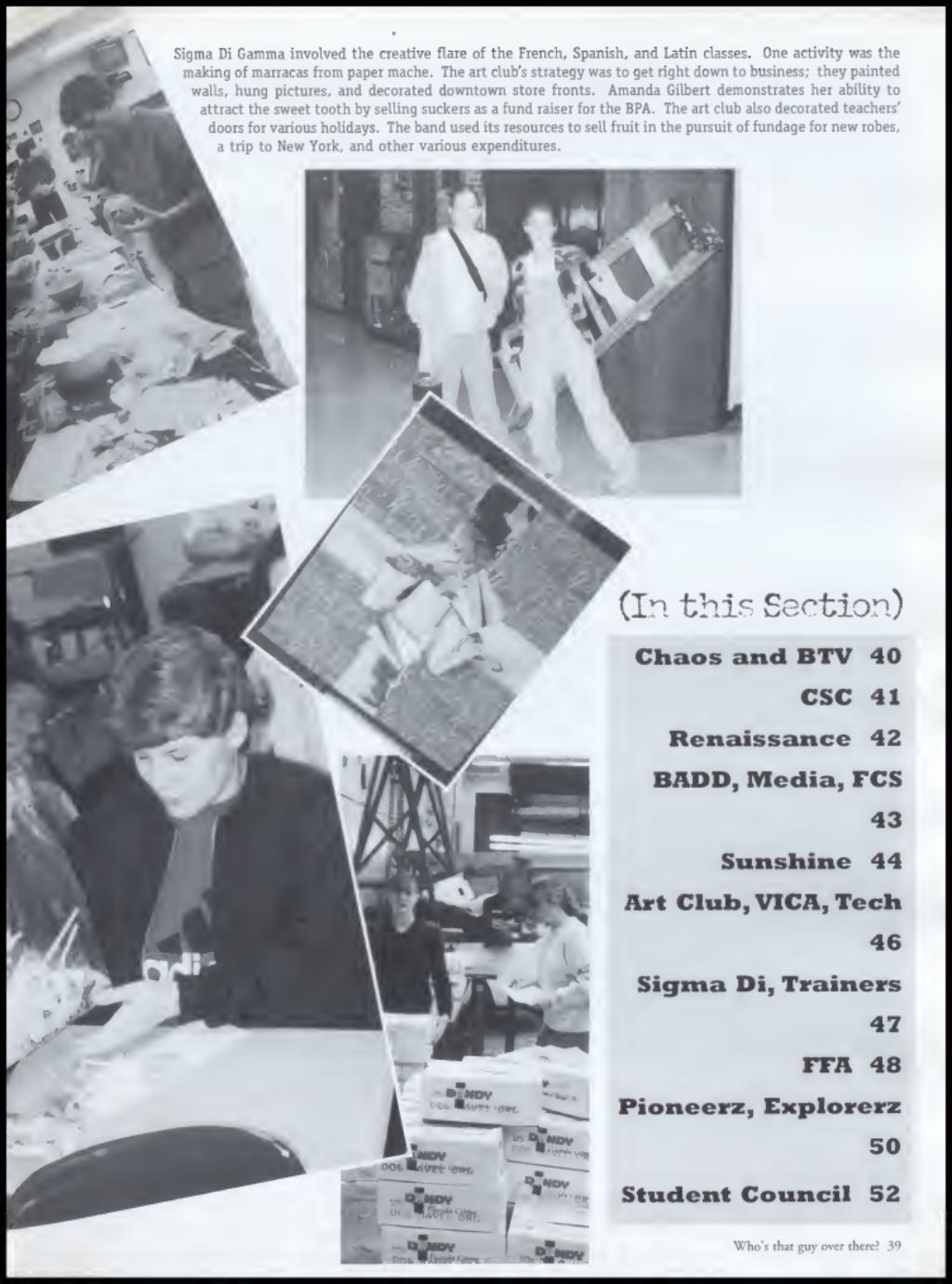
-Clubs

As you walk with Lloyd, he points out the various opportunities you'll have to make your mark at R.C.H.S. You don't have to be here for long to realize that it's the involved students who make things happen at

school. There's a priceless feeling that comes from accomplishing something great. There is a club just for you. So, check out the options and expect to get involved in the groups that make up R.C.H.S.

Your complete listing of clubs you need to check out.





Sigma Di Gamma involved the creative flare of the French, Spanish, and Latin classes. One activity was the making of marracas from paper mache. The art club's strategy was to get right down to business; they painted walls, hung pictures, and decorated downtown store fronts. Amanda Gilbert demonstrates her ability to attract the sweet tooth by selling suckers as a fund raiser for the BPA. The art club also decorated teachers' doors for various holidays. The band used its resources to sell fruit in the pursuit of fundage for new robes, a trip to New York, and other various expenditures.

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In the photo below, senior Jason Thompson checks over the printout of his sports pages for the yearbook. Although it was his first year on the staff (and at RCHS), and the computer did not always cooperate, he thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of writing, cropping photos, laying out the material and meeting deadlines.



Alex Abel checks the music selections as Morgan Keiper and Megan Casey test the camera in preparation for another daily BTV show. By using creativity, dedication, and humor, these students turned the usual morning announcements into an enjoyable program.



Rensselaerian and BTV



The BTV Crew includes the following talented students: (front row from left) Megan Casey, Brian Lakin, Morgan Keiper. (Back row) Adam Zacek, Alex Abel, Brendan Riley, Alex Kingman, Jarod Steffen, and Matt Pizer. The group learned and fine-tuned the art of gathering news and weather, editing the material, adding music, and adhering to a time schedule. Some even learned how to trouble shoot without going to Mr. Oates. Most importantly students always knew what was for lunch.



Ace reporter Jarod Steffen puts much thought into his newspaper article, while Meeghan Smith types her own article in the background. The *Rensselaerian* staff distributed an average of two four-page papers a month during the 1998-99 school year. Many students became editors-in-chief for a single issue as the duties were spread between the two Mass Communications classes.

Chaos

Students in this club are responsible for taking pictures, recording all the events that take place at RCHS, and then putting them in the yearbook known as Chaos. Most of the students in this organization are in the Mass Communications class, but the class is not required for participation.



In the photo above, Mr. Bill Oates assists yearbook sales coordinators Michelle Kiger and Mark Alson with the billing database. Learning databases and spreadsheets were on two of many programs that the students needed to know to get the publications out.

Nicole Howell works on one of many articles for the school newspaper, the *Rensselaerian*. Some topics in 1998-99 included the Blizzard of 1999, the war in Kosovo, finals, and the devious car creamers.

Keeping Track of the News at RCHS



The *Chaos* and *Rensselaerian* staffs include the following creative students: (front row from left) James Kupke, Bethany Streitmatter, Dustin Smith, Amy Hanewich, Anna Poppen, Morgan Keiper, and Matt Pizer; (second row) Jamie Pucka, Amber Luzadder, Nicole Howell, Ambry Lucas, Brienne Hopkins, Beth Hannan, Barb Lewis, Jarod Steffen, Brian Lakin, Michelle Kiger, and Mark Alson; and (third row) Courtney Lakin, Jenninifer Wicks, Kelli Bridges, Megan Casey, Brittany Sweeney, Sarah Brown, Adam Zacek, Tom Alberts, Alex Abel, Brendan Riley, Alex Kingman, Cory Malchow, and Jason Thompson.



Samantha Hopkins and Courtney Lakin concentrate on finishing their yearbook layout before the deadline. Each staff member worked extremely hard to make sure every event was covered this year. Members met either first or last hour, or during homeroom to work in room 103.

B.A.D.D.

Rensselaer students took an active role to educate other students on a variety of topics. B.A.D.D. warned of the dangers of drugs, the Renaissance Club helped uplift school community spirit, F.C.S. shared spiritual feelings, and the media assistants made finding items in the media center easier.



B.A.D.D. members: (pictured above is president Sara Putt and front row from left to right) Ashley Baunach, Alex Abel, Brian Lakin, Dave Risner, Brad Kaye, Mike Greene, Colin Riley, Elliott Zimmer; (second row) Kyle Nagel, Michelle Kiger, Brett Kosanovich, Matt Pizer, Kyle Kohlhagen, Kathy Baker, Stacy Johns; and (back) Nycole Martin, Amy Shide, Sarah Bailey, Meegan Smith, Ashley Zeilmann, Amy Clouse, Heather Byers, Eva Gutwein, Angie Morris, Jessica Miller, Katie Hofmeyer, and Kristy Conley.



"It's Just Not Worth It"

Angela Koebcke and Sara Putt look at the destruction caused by driving drunk. This car was displayed in the school parking lot during Prom weekend to remind everyone to be safe.



Drug Free and Proud

Angela Koebcke hangs one of the many posters which reminded students to say no to drugs and alcohol during Red Ribbon Week. Later, the club passed out key chains to remind kids not to drink and drive, especially during prom weekend.

The Renaissance Club

worked hard at adding fun things for the RCHS community, like the spirit couch and organized a faculty-staff appreciation assembly.



Front row from left to right: Leslie Kennedy, Megan Casey, Allison Allie, Zach Zimmer, Stacy Plett; and (back row) Mike Greene, Jarod Courtney, Alex Kingman, Jatin Patel, Sean Cawby, Brienne Hopkins, Beth Hannon, and Luke Tillett.

F. C. S. stands for Fellowship of Christian Students and represented those students who wish to express and share their faith in a school setting.



Front row from left: Brandon Lakin, Alan James, Rachel Wireman, Amanda Butler, Nicole Howell, Kira Schultz, Tiffany Jordan, Brienne Hopkins, Rebekah Hanson, Desiree Hopkins; (center row) Kelli Bridges, Melanie Allis, Kimbre Taylor, Adam Brantner, Amber Luzzader, Casey Hermanson, Emily Feicht, Kayla Peterson, Kristi Canine; (back) Ian Query, Jason Schultz, Eleanor Black, Jon Nolan, Kristi Zohel, Jessica Mercer, Shannon Lakin, Courtney Lakin, Sara Cummings, Sarah Bailey; and (reclining) Justin Wiseman and Nick Black.

Media Assistants provided the librarian, Mrs. George, and her assistant, Mrs. Black, with invaluable help managing the media center.



First row from left to right: Dennis Black and April Carr.

Back row from left to right: Stephanie Plant and Angela Owsley.

Officers Get Crazy

Kristina Russell, Amber Baggerly, Kelly Bridges, and Andrea Virok are caught in the action while decorating for the Sunshine Dance. The officers' jobs to prepare for the dance include decorating all day before the dance and also helping to tear down after the dance is over.



Ballooning Around

Neenah VanBlaircom and Relisa Carr are shown above helping to put balloons together in preparation of the annual Sunshine dance, which is one of the club's biggest events during the year.



Freshmen:
Meg Nagel, Shyla Hayworth, Katie Danielle Smith, Sheena Simmons, Missy Patel; (2nd) Hartwell, Alina Martin, Stacy Miller, Michelle Shearer, Jenny nis, Kristy Critser; (3rd) VanBlaircom,

Kelly Lane, Bethany Streitmater, Ashley Brenneman, Terrah Smith, Angie Morris, Eva Gutwein, Keely McIlwain; (4th) Danielle Brook, Brooke Hewitt, Kara Kohlhagen, Kimbie Taylor, Amanda Butler, Amber Minix, Melanie Allis, Rachel Wireman, Kayla Peterson; (5th Row) Mary Tyche, Dana Rusk, Tammy Bailey, Amanda Downs, Kendra Fraley, Julie Berman, Kira Shultz, Samah Marlin; (6th) Miranda Luzzader, Rachel Matthew, Marissa Klebs, Carmen Blubaugh, Misty Waling, Katie Courtright, Joselyn Booze, Brooke Shantz; and (7th) Jennifer Goad, Candace Hofsteader, Mandi Hinkle, Danielle Marrero, Amanda McDowell, Cassie Davis, and Amy Bardzo.



Sophomores:
Corie Kanney, Megan Wood, Gavia Spence, sica Arnett, Ashli Nelson; Primeau, Abby Courtney Relisa Carr, Danielle Nagel, Kristy Sanders; Tina Murillo, Lindsey Bailey, Burman, Jamie Brandie Bretzinger; Hopkins, Kristin Hamstra, Lesley Peterson, Ashley Zeilmann, Angela Owsley, Tiffany Maxwell, Amanda DeWees, Amber Gross, Sarah Piatt; (5th) Karne Dickson, Samatha Joesph, Amber Barden, Kathy Bailey, Leesa Murphy, Candace Bower, Jennifer Cook, Sarah Wakeland; (6th) Brandie Chamberlain, Casey Hermanson, Shannon Lakin, Kristy Cotner, Chasity Geesa, Stellie Zichetti, Cortney Woodruff; and (7th) Kristy Zobel, Emily Feicht, Jessica Mercer, and Kristi Canine.



Junior: (front) Meeghan Smith, Megan Casey, Morri Kissi Darnaby, Sara Cummings, Sweeny, Lori Lane, (2nd) Danielle Mattocks, Jennifer McClellan, Alisha Hansen, Debbie Smith, Michelle Amy Shide, Nycole Martin, Tanya Igoe, Darci Graf, Christa Minix, Robin Heather Lyons, Amber Baggerly, Jill Wiltfang, Tricia Huhn, Kelly Bridges, Jamie Pucka, Nicole Howell, Kristina Wright, Rayne Arnett; and (5th) Heather Byers, Chrystal Cox, Kristina Doege, Kristen Putt, April Carr, Julie Dresher, Brandy Puttman, and Selina Peterson.



Seniors (front) Vogt, Jessica Morrical, Angela Wing, Sarah Martin, Stacy Lucas, Barb Lewis, Katie Mitchell; Ashley Baunach, N u s s b a u m . dan, Tiffany Danielle Frazee, Moore, Andrea Kristin Wickert, Susan Wakeland, Lauren McIntyre, Nina VanBlaircom, Clarissa Bower, (4th) Dana Hopkins, Julie Honn, Kelly Gudeman, Libby Weston, Allison Allis, Lucy Gutwein, Cara Ockermann, Beth Tatlock, Jodie Lakin, and (5th) Dawn Bierman, Beth Hannon, Amy Hanewich, Aimee Clouse, Kathy Baker, Stacie Hamstra, and Candace Cook.



(front from left) Hesson, Asleg Hofmeyer, McGuire Case Murphy, Alexis Seely, Darshana R h i a n n o Mathew, Jessica Herre, Jessica Donnelly, Jenny Ewen, Tricia DenConley, Amber A m b e , Sarah Gaines, Kelly Lane, Bethany Streitmater, Ashley Brenneman, Terrah Smith, Angie Morris, Eva Gutwein, Keely McIlwain; (4th) Danielle Brook, Brooke Hewitt, Kara Kohlhagen, Kimbie Taylor, Amanda Butler, Amber Minix, Melanie Allis, Rachel Wireman, Kayla Peterson; (5th Row) Mary Tyche, Dana Rusk, Tammy Bailey, Amanda Downs, Kendra Fraley, Julie Berman, Kira Shultz, Samah Marlin; (6th) Miranda Luzzader, Rachel Matthew, Marissa Klebs, Carmen Blubaugh, Misty Waling, Katie Courtright, Joselyn Booze, Brooke Shantz; and (7th) Jennifer Goad, Candace Hofsteader, Mandi Hinkle, Danielle Marrero, Amanda McDowell, Cassie Davis, and Amy Bardzo.

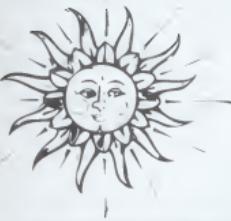
(front from left) Kaye Rodibaugh, Laura Brown, Stacy Plett, Jessie Michelle Kiger, (2nd) Betty C a n a d a y Lakin, Abby Thiel, Allison Moore, Nicole Goodman, (3rd) Kara Costa, Alisha Standish, Misty DeMoss, Tara Van Houten Chamberlin, Anne (4th) Sam

from left) Leslie Kennedy, gan Keiper, Sarah Bailey, Brittany Tara Wood; Prueett, Amber Whitaker, Kim Harper, Rebekah Jennings, Krissi Mattocks; (3rd) Courtney Tillotson, Beth Morris, Denelle, Jodi Goodman, Jamie Schneidt; (4th)

from left) Kelly Fredrick, Laura Koebcke, Holly Brown, Tabatha Johns, Ambry Nicole Amsler, (2nd) Kelly Kuk, Sara Putt, Andrea Stephanie Jor S t a l b a u m Beth Fish, Becky Virok; (3rd) Autumn Leach, Shannon Neusis, Tonya Turner, Kasey Goad, Amanda Stone, Garetto, Brienne

Gals in Charge

To keep activities moving, a quality organization relies on its officers. Shown below are the Sunshine leaders and executive board: (1st row) Kristina Russell, Andrea Virok, Susan Wakeland, Alison Allie, Jodin Graf, Jill Wiltfang, Kelly Bridges; (2nd) Sarah Wakeland, Clarissa Bower, Chasity Geesa, Robin Schneidt, Kelly Gudemian; and (3rd) Milly Waling, Sarah Gaines, and Kimbre Taylor.



Doing the Deeds

Sunshine president Senior Kristina Russell happily cleans up the left over food from the mother, father, and daughter tea.



Where's My Food?

During Homecoming Week, Mr. Hauser awaits his breakfast served by Sunshine officers during the faculty breakfast.

Sunshine

The Light is a Bright One

Society

The Rensselaer Central Sunshine Society is one of the biggest in the state and by far the biggest club in the school. Led by Mrs. Kelly Spurgeon and Mrs. Meta Waling, the girls kept really busy in a variety of activities. The club involved girls from their freshman year to their senior year, and sometimes the whole student body benefitted from this club's activities. For example, the club sponsored its second annual Christmas convocation, when Sunshine called in a professional hypnotist to work a little magic on the males and females in the audience.



Another annual activity the Sunshine participates in is the Mother Daughter Tea. Weather conflicts made it necessary to merge the Tea with dady Date Night.

One of the exciting parts of the program is the Ideal Lady. This is a chance for the girls to pick a lady that they most admire. This year for Ideal Lady night, the entertainment was the North White High School choir.

Although not the first time, another addition to the club in 1998-99 were two male members, JR Studer and Brian Nagel.

Fun for Everyone

Sitting by the VICA "rod" outside the auto shop are (from left) Tony Carter, Justin Kanney, Brandon Conley, Tim Yenna, Jim Luzadder, Chris Smith, Brad Daniels, Scott Neely, Vito Minix, Walt Brown, Allan Burns, and Glenn Ingram.



V.I.C.A.

Auto shop teacher Walt Brown is the sponsor of this club which is for students who want to learn more about auto mechanics.

The club to the right (front row from left) Marcus Davis, Jesse Kennedy, Brad Daniels, Brian Hannon, Chris Peck, Doug Hannon, Brandon Scheckel; (2nd row) Nick Ames, Charlie Swartzell, Chris Scheckel, Josh Jones, Chris Yenna, Evan Woodworth, John Tiede; (3rd row) Brian Lakin, Marty Hall, Mike Asbell, Graham Carroll, Seth Baer, Joshua Williams; and (4th row) Kyle Nagel, Todd Tillotta, and Tara Wood.



Tech Club

The tech club is widely growing considering it is only a couple of years old. Sam Cox helps students to learn more about the field of technology.

The club to the right: (front row from left) Mark Alson, Brian Lakin, Garrett Alson, Alex Abel, Brian Rodibaugh, Justin Roberts, Justin Rodibaugh; (2nd row) Ray Golder, Nolan Hitchcock, Adam Alson, Kyle Johns, Beth Tatlock; and (3rd row) Michelle Kiger, Aimee Clouse, Todd Tillotta, Tara Wood, Kara Tiede, Erin Kosta, and Ashley Hayworth.



Athletic Training

Athletic Trainers involves students who want to better improve their knowledge of the physical aspects of athletics. Trainer Kenny Hickman is the right man to lead this group.

V.I.C.A. and Sigma Di Gamma Caught In Action!!!



Under the Hood is Where It's At Teacher and organizer of the V.I.C.A. club, Walt Brown, watches over his student while he works under the hood of a car.



Everybody It's A Party Ya'll During the Mardi Gras this year at the middle school, Miss McDaniels scoops up some food for an eager middle school student.

Important Clubs For The New Millennium



Art Club

The above club: (front row from left) Amber Platt, Kelly Vogt, LaDawn Black, Laura Brown, Colin Riley, Ryan Stanley, Anna Poppen; (2nd row) JR Studer, Barb Lewis, Stacy Johns, Andrea Nussbaum, Blake Weiss, Pat Williams, Adam Zacek, Levi Mattingly, Jarod Steffen; (3rd row) Shelly Bailey, Maria Rodriguez, Garrett Alson, Chad Witherington, Elliott Zimmer, Kathy Baker, Sarah Brown, Krissi Darnaby; and (4th row) Brad Kaye, Tommy Alberts, Dave Risner, Yo Gutwein, Justin Virok, and Alex Kingman.



Sigma Di Gamma

The above club: (front row from left) Kristina Russell, Andrea Virok, Kelly Bridges; (2nd row) Kristy Sanders, Heather Byers, Sarah Bailey, Ashley Brenneman; (3rd row) James Kupke, Josh Jones, Joel Nagel, Ben DeWess; and (4th row) Brooke Hewitt, Mary Tycheck, Marissa Klebs, Brooke Schantz, and Samaha Marlin.

GREAT TIMES IN FFA

Amy Hanewich and Brad Daniels help pass out pizza at Van Rensselaer for Food for America, which is a special outreach activity during FFA week.

NOTHIN' LIKE A GOAT

Ashley Hayworth is busy showing off a goat during an FFA visit to the care center.



PETTING ZOO

During FFA week the petting zoo is a big hit with both RCHS students and elementary school students.



THE 1998-1999 RENNSSELAER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FFA

The club in the above photo: (front row from left) Kara Kohlhagen, Sarah Galnes, Stacy Herre, Almen Clouse, Erin Kots, Amy Hanewich, Brandy Stone, and Nicole Goodman; Peter Tychek; (2nd row) Julie Bierman, Heather Izen, Joel Nagel, Ben DeWees, Andy Backy, Jody Graf, Barb Lewis, Laura Monical, Jamie Minix, Robin Scheidt, Leslie Kennedy, Ron Wamley; (3rd row) Kyle Kohlhagen, Scott Walker, Jason Dohson, JR Studer, Brian Hannon, Brad Daniels, Ray Yeoman, David Shanley, Nick Ames, Robert Linback, Matt Tychek; and (4th row) Matt Lovely, Candace Cook, Rudy Taulman, Justin Rodibaugh, Bryan Rodibaugh, Kevin Zacker, Alan Sandberg, Byron Courtright, Justin Nestus, Reid Schultz, Jeff Northcutt, Roger Johnson, Jason Walker, and Mike Bowman.

LET'S SPEED IT UP
Jody Graf works hard peddling around the Ag shop during green hand initiation week.

THE FFA CONVENTION
The Rensselaer FFA members get their picture taken at the American Royal during the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City.



TRACTOR FUN
Robin Schneidt shows off a tractor to a youngster during the annual FFA week.

IT'S WAMSLEY TIME
FFA sponsor Ron Wamsley shows off his tractor skills during green hand initiation, when new members are brought into the organization.

FFA: ALWAYS A GOOD TIME



Leslie Kennedy-
"I have enjoyed working with the crop judging team. I hope to throw a big FFA party next year."



Jason Dobson-
"It was fun and exciting, it was a great year."



Jill Wiltfang-
"Our officer teams have worked hard and really did well."



Andy Blasky-
"This year's FFA went absolutely spectacular."



Matt Lovely-
"FFA was great this year. It was a great learning experience for everyone. I am looking forward to next year."

COME OUT ON TOP

PIONEERZ

Pioneerz is a club where K.V., Tri County and Rensselaer High school get together for fun, while meeting other people and talking about their problems in life.

PIG- GING OUT

The picture on the right shows Meeghan Smith and Nicole Howell hogging all the food at the Pioneerz retreat.



GETTING READY TO TEACH

The picture to the left shows Dr. Tom Ryan getting ready to teach more students in Pioneerz about the facts of life and how to handle different situations if needed.



Group Photo Time

The picture above shows the members of Pioneerz. The top row from left to right is Levi Mattingly, Heather Hoffmeyer, Lucy Gutwein, Cory Malchow, Jim He; and the bottom row includes Maria Rodriguez, Nicole Howell, Meeghan Smith, Morgan Keiper, Heather Byers, and Tim Yenna



ONE BIG GROUP

The picture above has Kankakee Valley, Tri-County, and Rensselaer High Schools combined together as one big group for the Pioneerz club.

EXPLORERZ

Explorerz is a group of people that goes out for an adventure, learn new things, and see new worlds.

I LIKE MY GROUP

The picture on the right has senior Brenden Riley giving a "Booyah" for his awesome Explorerz group.



WORKING OUT A PLANE

The picture on the right has Lindsey Jeffries and Tom Alberts trying to make some planes with Judge McGraw.



BOOK CLUB



Noses in Their Books

The picture above shows the RCHS book club. Starting from top row are (from left) Danielle Pruette, Kimbre Taylor, Kristina Smith, Nicole Howell, Christina Teske, Maria Rodriguez, Stephanie Plant, and the bottom row are April Carr, Angela Owsley, Selina Peterson, Betty Clark and DenaGeorge.



A Fun Group Picture

The picture above shows the members in the Explorerz. Starting at the top row from are Libby Weston, Krissi Darnaby, Morgan Kelper, Brenden Riley, Colin Riley, and Tom Alberts; and in the bottom row are Zak Zimmer and Brett Kosanovich

It's Party Time!

Brienne Hopkins is stuck in deep concentration while trying to decorate the gym for the upcoming MROP dance. The '99 MROP was a big success with the help of a live band, Yield 26.

Jessica Fredrick and Jatin Patel, both senior Student Council members, are livin' it up in the Homecoming parade. This and the following Homecoming festivities are one of the Student Council's first major annual tasks.

Tour Guide

Sean Cawby always knows how to show everyone a good time. In the photobelow, Sean is escorting one of his friends from the Care Center around the halls for a tour during Care Center Visitation Day.



What a Cute Couple!

In the above picture, Rebekah Hansen dances with one of her favorite hunks from the CDC. During the visitation, members of the CDC are invited to come to the high school and take part in many fun-filled activites.



Student Council: (bottom) Ben DeWees, Bryan Inskeep, Joel Nagel, Katie Hofmeyer, Keely McIlwain; (middle) Luke Tillett, Alex Kingman, Brienne Hopkins, Beth Hannon, Samantha Hopkins, Rebekah Hansen, Andy Ernest; (top) Justin Rodibaugh, Bryan Rodibaugh, Jatin Patel, Sean Cawby, Jessica Fredrick, Zak Zimmer, Misty DeMoss, Lindsey Jeffries, and Sarah Bailey.

Student

The Kids that make it happen

Council

Christmas Time

Beth Hannon is sure a work-a-holic when it comes to ornaments. Beth is making cinnamon Christmas tree ornaments as appreciation gifts for the teachers. Maybe Beth might someday start up her own chain of ornament outlet stores.

Here Fishy Fishy!

Keely McIlwain is watching her friend from the CDC play her fish game during CDC visitation day. Other events that day were Bingo, the ring toss, and the ever popular Bozo buckets.



Hey, Nice Shirt!

Luke Tillet and Lindsey Jeffries are always happy to sell another T-shirt. These Bomber Pride T-shirts were a big hit with the school and the community. Now, people have another way to show off their Bomber Pride.

CDC Stud Muffin Kingman?

Alex Kingman and a CDC guest pose with their pet gator, who is ironically also named Alex. Alex was a real heartthrob with the ladies during the game day held for the Comprehensive Development Center.



Luke Tillet

As Student Body President, Luke leads the Council and makes everything happen. His leadership skills are a very valuable asset to the Council.

Alex Kingman

As Student Body Vice-President, Alex Kingman is Luke's "right hand man." His favorite Student Council event this year was Fun Fest.

Beth Hannon

As Secretary, Beth writes and records all actions taking place at the Council meetings. Her favorite Student Council activity was MOPR.

Jatin Patel

As Treasurer, Jatin keeps track of the Council's money. This year, Jatin chaired the MOPR committee and did an excellent job of making it happen.

Brienne Hopkins

Voted Senior Class President by her fellow classmates, Brienne attended all of Council meetings and was very involved in just about every activity.

When will the world end?

Academics

Within every student there is the desire to learn.

Not only do we yearn for the knowledge a book may provide, but we also search for worldly, and often out-of-this world, answers to the unexplainable. In the halls

you'll pass various students, all of which have their own answers they are trying to find. To cater to this need, they've started classes, groups, and



clubs to belong to in order to go above and beyond the call of duty. They want to solve their own mysteries and help you solve yours. Challenge your own true potential.

Your complete guide to the courses and teams for the educationally elite.

Alexis Simmons practices her French by going to the boards and struttin' her stuff. Amy Hanewich, Kristina Russell, Beth Fish, Stephanie Jordan, and friends find out about fruit flies in their biology class. Julie Biermann mattes a layout in her first year art class, another creatively motivating class. Tammy Bailey broadens her horizons with the technology - computer applications - class offered at R.C.H.S. Mike Greene, Justin Rodibaugh, and Bethany Streitmatter are attentive and focussed- a dynamic trio.



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I think We could do it this Way

American studies students plan how to do their next project. Pictured are Lindsey Jeffries, Adam Alson, and Erin Kosta. Projects were the fun part of the classes because it gave you the opportunity to be with your friends and to get to know people better. The projects were also a way to be very creative (World Civ) and to learn new writing skills (American Studies).



Should I give her a ten?

Brad Kaye and Kara Kosta decide whether to give a ten or less on a position, while the other students in the background write down comments on their score sheets. Positions were a part of the weekly routine in World Civ. because it meant no notes!

What did she Say?

World Civ. kids relax a little and review some history notes that Mrs. Benner said would be on an upcoming quiz. The only hard part about this class is taking notes.



Notes, Notes, and More Notes!

This afternoon World Civ. class is always writing notes to use for a test. Doug Hannon looks toward the door to see who will pop in next, while Shannon Lakin focuses on her writing skills.

Today, we are learning about Columbus!

The American Studies class listens to Mr. Stefanich and takes notes on what he says. In these College Prep classes, students have got to listen well and take great notes in order to survive the year and the essay tests.

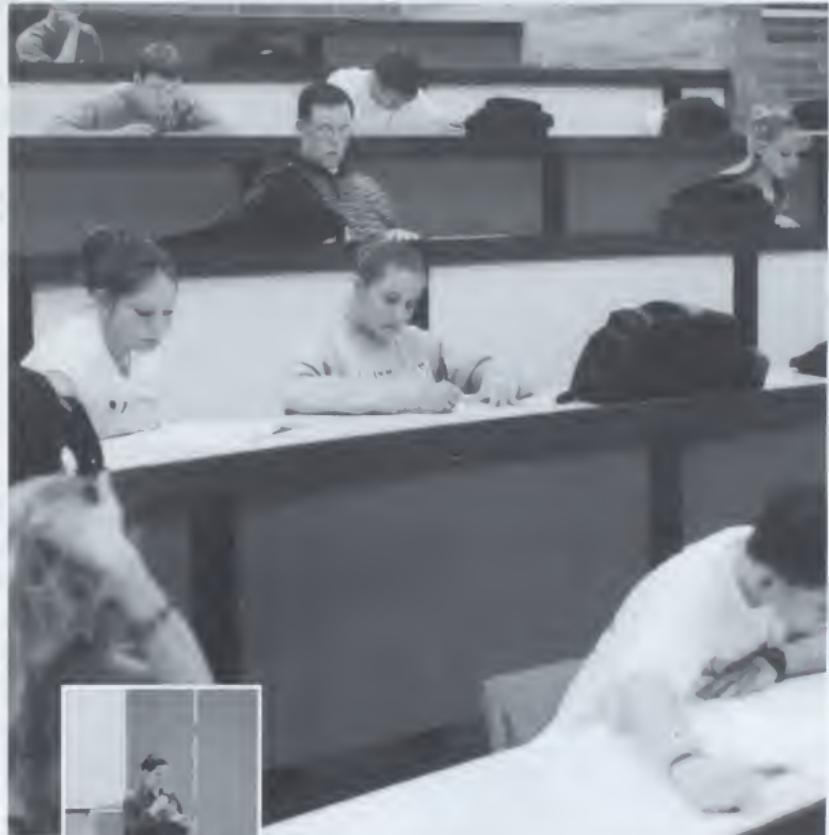


Some students enriched their lives by taking American Studies (Mr. Dates and Mr. Stefanich) or World Civilizations (Mrs. Swartzell and Mr. Stefanich or Mrs. Benner). Students learned a lot about the history and literature of civilizations from ancient times through the end of the twentieth century by doing group projects, reading a lot of novels and taking some pretty gruesome tests. Most of them survived another year of college prep classes.

American Studies

and World Civilizations

Together at Last



My Position Topic is...

Sarah Whited gives a mind boggling report on why we should have shorter days of school ... Just kidding. Sarah, like the rest of the World Civ. students, had to give a position on a topic that either she was strongly against or strongly for. Many of these positions were arguable, while some weren't.

Is it A, B , or C?

The American Studies class takes a very challenging test that involved 7 decades (1920's to the 1990's). Even though it was multiple choice, they still had study. In the center, Lindsey Jefferies and Michelle Mattocks concentrate very hard. (Bryan Rodibaugh, Charlie Swartzell, Eric Nagel, and Courtney Tillotta work behind them.)

The Super Bowl Team pictured to the right consists of (back row from left) Robb Pfaff, Susan Wakeland, Kristina Russell, Andrea Virok; and (front row from left) Dustin Smith, Emily Feicht, Kristi Zobel and Krissy Smith.



State Qualifiers

This is only the second ever Decathlon Team in school history. In spite of their inexperience they finished eleventh at state.

Rensselaer's Spell Bowl Team for 1998-1999 consisted of (back row from left) Robb Pfaff, Jessica Taulman, Kristina Russell, Mahendra Gaud; and (front row) Dustin Smith, Jamie Pucka, Casey Hermanson, Shannon Lakin, Kristi Zobel, Emily Feicht, Eleanor Black, and Lindsey Bailey.



Spelling Wizards

The RCHS Spell Bowl Team finished 4th at state competition, after winning the NWHC title. In addition to those successes they also won the Rensselaer Invitational.

Jessica Fredrick and Katie Mitchell are grinning proudly just as they should, because they are the two new senior inductees into the National Honor Society. This society chooses from the best of RCHS, and these two will join the many other accomplished people who have already made it into the elite society.



"The Elite Society"

Students who have achieved good grades and are active at RCHS get the honor of saying that they were in the National Honor Society.



In The Lab

Kristina Russell is working in the lab at the hospital. She has to remain totally focused to complete her tests.

Water Anyone ?

Dede Wiener grins widely as she takes her pitcher into the lab area at the hospital. She is preparing for a possible medical career.



THE SUCCESSFUL CLUBS AND TEAMS OF RCHS



Analyzing the Data

Senior Jessica Taulman is working in the lab at the Jasper County Hospital. She is carefully preparing chemicals to be tested in an experiment. The Health Occupations class at RCHS gives students a taste of the medical field, and a chance to experience real duties in their future occupations.



Future Medical Experts

The Health Occupations Class for 1998-1999 had a lot of great experiences in the medical field. These special students (back row from left) include: Lori Lane, Alisha Harper, Susan Wakeland, Kristi Wright, Nicole Amstler; and (front row) Kristina Russell, Mina Fritze, Jessica Taulman, Jammie Frady, and Dede Wiener.

All Revved Up For Auto Class!

The 1998-99 Auto Class tackled automotive problems while becoming automotively inclined. Just a bunch of grease monkeys you may ask? Naw, these guys are the real deals and they don't sweat over the small details!



I'm not an honos's student, but I know my auto stuff!

Scott Neely, a senior, is seen in this picture trying to figure out what to do with this metal rod and a clamp. Scott, like many other students at RCHS, plan on an automotive career after high school.



No Limit Detailers

Two of RCHS's finest auto class members are seen here cleaning the doors of this car. Everything in auto class has to come out with a slick image, and these guys do it without any hesitation.



The Auto Class Members are as follows: (behind the "red rod" from left) Tony Carter, Justin Kanney, Brandon Conley, Tim Yenna, Jim Luzzadder, Chris Smith, Brad Daniels, Scott Neely, Vito Minix, Mr. Walt Brown, Alan Burns, and Glenn Ingram.



One Sweet Ride!

A few members of the Auto Class student's check out the smoothness of this extra spiffy ride! The auto guys are accustomed to seeing a variety of sweet vehicles in their shop!



New House On The Block

If you build it, they will come. The Building Trades house that they worked so doggedly to complete is just about finished and in timely fashion.



The Carpenters

The afternoon Building Trades members are: Trent Bizner, Pete Tycek, Chris Yenna, Dave Shanley, Brad Daniels, Ray Yeoman, and Charlie Todd.



A Few Good Men

The morning building trades class consists of: Nathan Hornback, Jake Nagel, Nathan Schleman, Jason Robinson, Mark Moore, and Justin Davis.



3 Men and A Lady

The other Building Trades class members are Brandon Lockridge, Cole Shultz, Jon Hale, and Tiffany Stalbaum.

Buildin' a solid foundation

Building Trades

and hammering in success!

Hammer Time!



Equipped with only a ladder, hammer, nail, and knowledge of building, Nathan Schleman is seen hammering away at the siding of this building.



Fitting It All In!

Mark Moore is putting a piece of the tile back into the floor. It may be simple, yet it is a vital part of the building process!



Mixing It Up

Jake Nagel has his hands full mixin' some grout for the kitchen tile. Sounds like fun.



Dirty Work

Pete Tycek is raking away dirt with a vengeance. This filthy enemy is the only thing that stands between him and the goal of finishing up!



Splitting Tile

Chris Yenna is just cutting a piece of tile for one of the floors in the house. He is very excited to complete the project soon.

A Concrete Idea!

“Students of Today, Business Professionals of Tomorrow.”

The Business Professionals of America this year went to District competition in Valparaiso, then from there they went onto state competition in Indianapolis.



A Stroll Through the Town!

Advisor Miss Amiee McKuhen, Kristina Jarrette, Mary Jo Frederick, Neenah Van Blaircom, and Ashley Baunach take a stroll in downtown Indianapolis during their state competition.



Business Women of the Future!

(back row from left) Staci Hamstra, Stacy Johns, Ashley Baunach, Neenah VanBlaircom, Julie Honn; and (front row) Kristina Jarrette, Mary Jo Frederick, Tanya Igoe, and Dawn Bierman.

Taking the skills from the classroom to the business world.



Helping out a Fellow BPA Member

At the computer, freshman Brittany Jarrette gets a little help in the business lab from fellow Business Professional member, senior Neenah VanBlaircom.



The Ones We Always Rely on!

In the photo above, (from left) the president of BPA, Kristina Jarrette; advisor, Miss McKuhen; and vice president, Mary Jo Frederick take a breather.

Exploring Science!

Science Club is for students interested in answering a variety of questions about the physical and chemical world. The group met once a month and performed demonstrations throughout the year.



Back row from left, Jatin Patel, Sean Cawby, Justin Roberts, and Kristina Russell. Front row from left, Dustin Smith, Zak Zimmer, and James Kupke.

Getting Hands on Science!

Science Olympiad worked on their projects for a couple of months before competing with other schools. The team brought home an impressive fourth place overall during the 1999 season.



Back left to right Emily Feicht, Jessica Taulman, Sara Putt, Kristina Russell, Andrea Virok, Kristi Zobel. Front left to right, Kristi Canine, Shannon Lakin, Dustin Smith, Casey Hermanson, Eleanor Black, LaDawn Black, and Suzanne LaGrand.

Competing for a Victory!

1999 was the second year of the Academic Decathlon team, which was quite impressive, because the students went on to compete with other schools and made it all the way to state!



Back row from left, Emily Feicht, Nicole Howell, Kristina Russell, and Annie Bretzinger. Front row from left, Shannon Lakin, Dustin Smith, Casey Herman-son, Eleanor Black, and Sarah Whited.

Wherefore art thou

Romeo?

Performing Arts

Follow Lloyd as he leads you past a chance to dance in the spotlight. If you are destined for the big time, these are the activities you need to get involved in. R.C.H.S. prides itself in its talented students. There is an awesome feeling that comes with the knowledge that you are appreciated for your talents when you heard the crowd clapping, so check it out and find your own space on the stage.

Your complete guide to the musical charisma our students create.



A french horn medley provides the band with a rich, luminous depth inside the band room and out on the performance field. The color guard dazzled the yard lines with their renditions of Les Miserables flag style. Nick Black added humor to this year's school musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*. Tiffany Jordan and Beth Fish served as the leading ladies for the marching band. Tiffany is caught in action, directing the flute section. Another scene from *Bye Bye Birdie* relives the use of the whole chorus to get a large number of cast members in on the action.

(Performing Arts)

Band 66

Color Guard 67

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Talent Show 70

Bye Bye Birdie

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Bomber Brigade

Members The 1998 Drum majors were Beth Fish and Tiffany Jordan. Color guard captains were Desiree Hopkins and Susan Wakeland.

Clarinet Combo Band members Melanie Allis and Amber Luzadder have fun playing their clarinets during band class.



Jazz Band Members:

(Front) Melissa Gilbert, Brandie Chamberlain, Kimbre Taylor, Aaron Voss; (2nd) Jessica Mercer, Kristi Canine, Aaron Lomax, Andy Earnest; (3rd) Jon Nolan, Rod Pfaff, Casey Hermanson, Beth Fish, Danielle Pruitt, Josh Taylor, Mike Osterfield; and (back) Amber Luzadder, Matt Schenk, Dallas St. John, Cortny Woodruff, Kristi Zobel, Ian Querry, and Mike Asbell.

66 Performing Arts

Color Guard Members:

(Front) Sara Wakeland, Amanda Robins, Susan Wakeland, Jamie Minix; (2nd) Trista Quarry, Michelle Filson, Krissi Smith, Danielle Pruitt; (back) Eleanor Black, Melanie Allis, Kimbre Taylor, and Rachel Wireman.

Carmel Delight Shannon Lakin, Ashley Wood, and Todd Ludington get ready for an important competition at Carmel High School in Central Indiana.



Jazz Band, Marching Bombers, and Color Guard ...Let the Music Move You

A Kicking Year For Bomber Brigade

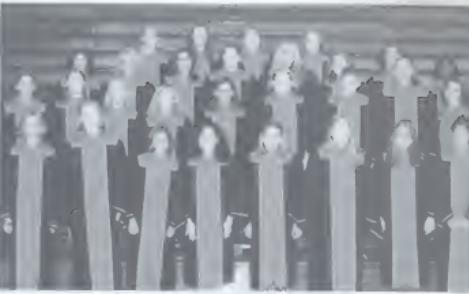


Color Guard Members get buddy-buddy with the cheerleaders at the 1998 homecoming game.

Mighty Bomber Brigade members and color guard march in the district contest at Louis Cass, where they advanced to regionals.

The Treble Choir

(Front row from left) Kristina Marlin, Elizabeth Vanderklaed, Danielle McGuire, Betsy Primeau, Chasity Geesa, Kimbre Taylor, Sarah Stone, Carmen Blubaugh; (second row) Amber Critser, Miranda Luzadder, Mandi Hinkle, Danielle Marrero, Candace Hofsteader, Kristen Putt, Relisa Carr, Christina Jacobson, Heather Ensign; (third row) Tiffany Maxwell, Brandee Cain, Cecilia Longore, Sarah Whited, Cedes Clark, Chris Filson, Sarah Platt, Dershana Patel; and (fourth row) Samantha Joseph, Amber Barden, Serenity Roberts, and Kira Schultz.

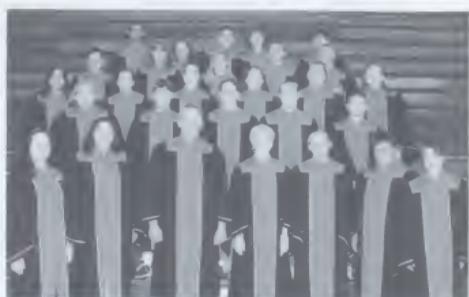


Gettin' Groovy

All three of the choirs joined together for a special concert for the student body. They did a big dance number that everyone loved. They also did these wonderful dance moves at other concerts.

Strike a pose

Brandee Cain strikes a prima donna pose while practicing for the treble choir. The singers actually use this technique to help them sing better from their diaphragms.



Chamber Singers (front row from left) Nicole Howell, Jessica Mercer, Christina Teske, Megan Casey, Jeremy Culbreth; (second row) Amanda Robins, Kelly Vogt, Trisha Huhn, Derek Goad, Kelly Brantner, Michelle Filson; (third row) Amanda St.John, Misty DeMoss, Matt Tycheck, Mark Slade, Suzanne LeGrande; (fourth row) Heather Hofmeyer, Ian Querry, Josh Taylor, Rebekah Hansen, Lindsey Bailey, Jennifer Wicks; (fifth row) Annie Bretzinger, Jamie Pucka, Dustin Smith, Amber Luzadder, Amanda Gutwein, Beth Houston; and (sixth row) Andy Earnest, Mark Brouwer, JR Studer, Jeremy Williamson, Adam Brantner, and Jason Dobson.

The Concert Choir (front row from left) Brandie Chamberlain, Selina Peterson, Jason Scott, Kari-Jean Mitchell, Karnaie Dickson, Mike Gross, Dede Wiener; (second row) Kristen Putt, Jason Kent, Seth Baer, Beth Houston, Kristy Wright; (third row) Shelly Bailey, Melissa Gilbert, Kristin Stath, Sarah Stone, April Carr, Jennifer Wicks; (fourth row) Jim Manning, Kristy Cotner, Amanda Dewees, Joey Luchene, Joel Nagel, and (fifth row) Nick Sizemore, Kristen Sanders, Derek Goad, Trisha Huhn, and Jayson Bennett.

from dancing to solo singers, Rensselaer has it all with their three marvelous choirs: the treble choir (girls' choir), chamber singers, and the concert choir.

RCHS Choirs



Lips, teeth, tip of the tongue

Candace Hofsteader practices her very talented skills for choir.



Sing, sing, sing

Girls in the treble choir practice their vocal skills everyday. The treble class is made up of all girls. Sorry guys, you can't join.

Charlie's Angels Are Ready To Fight

Charlie's Angels, a dance team in the fall talent show, take their final pose. The dance team (from left) includes: Kelly Brantner, Misty DeMoss, Kelly Vogt, Jessica Mercer, and Rebekah Hansen.



The Boy is Mine

Jeremy Culbreth, a junior, is calling his girlfriends on the telephone. Yes, girlfriends, not one but two. Megan Casey and Danielle Pruitt are fighting for the love of Jeremy in the song, "The Boy is Mine."



Admiring the Accomplishments

Senior Sarah Brown admires work done by her fellow artists. This table was one of many that held the work of Mrs. Kelly Spurgeon's art classes.

Yield 26 Stops On Talent Show Scene

These four talented students shared a great song with everyone present at the fall talent show. Members include (from left) Rebekah Hansen, Aanya Warren, Josh Taylor, and Andy Earnest.



RCHS held its annual talent show this year times 2. Plus there was the added bonus of the annual Art Show. Fall and spring displays of RCHS talent showcased much to see and hear.

T HE TALENT SHINES THROUGH IN ART AND MUSIC



"I say a little prayer for you," **Nick Black**

... that your dress doesn't fly up. Nick is accompanied by Amy Peterson (in yellow), Desiree Hopkins (in red), and Amber Luzadder (in orange.) Of course, use your imagination on a black and white page.

The Blues Brothers are Back

They graced our stage with their talents and voices. The Blues Brothers, otherwise known as Mark Brouwer and Ben Warren, have been one of the more popular of the recurring acts at the talent shows.

You're Giving Up the Scream!

Ursula Merkle (Jessica Mercer) listens as Kim tells her that she won't be in the Conrad Birdie fan club anymore, but will still listen to his records.



Can I get a mic. check?

Josh Taylor and Rebekah Hansen put on their microphones right before the last rehearsal on the night before the opening of the play. Josh played Albert Peterson, the manager for Conrad Birdie, while Rebekah played Rose Alvarez, his faithful secretary who wanted him to drop the family business and go back to college to become an English teacher. Josh and Rebekah did an excellent job all three shows. They really covered when some of the other cast members forgot their lines.



We love you, Conrad!

Conrad (Lars Kristoffersen) gets a warm welcome from some teenage girls (who are held back by a police officer), but not from the two reporters who are a little angry that Conrad was 'drafted' for the army.



Average Normal American Boy!

Two girls (Nicole Howell and Danielle Pruitt) sing the Conrad Birdie song for Albert (Josh Taylor), while Krissi Smith and Kimbre Taylor get a little melancholy over Conrad's going into the army.

Conrad poses as a Girl!

Mrs. Peterson looks on while Conrad, hidden by women's clothing, avoids Mr. MacFee, who wants the singer in jail for trying to kiss his daughter (from left: Courtney Woodruff, Lars Kristoffersen, Josh Taylor, Mark Brouwer, Tiffany Jordan, and Brittany Sweeney.)



On March 12, 13, and 14, Conrad Birdie arrived at the train station in Sweet Apple, Ohio and into the hearts of Rensselaer High School audiences. Lars Kristofferson played Conrad Birdie, Josh Taylor played Albert Peterson, and Rebekah Hansen played Rose Alvarez. The play was enjoyed by all who came and saw it, and thought it was funny.

Welcome, Conrad Birdie!!



I'll Always Be Your Steady, Hugo!

Hugo (Brandon Lakin) doesn't look that convinced that Kim (Megan Casey) will always be his steady and that Conrad Birdie is just a "fling." Hugo, in one scene had to hit Conrad to get him from kissing his steady girlfriend, who in turn didn't want to go steady with Hugo anymore.

You Gotta Be Sincere

Conrad Birdie (Lars Kristoffersen) woes the crowd with his singing. He makes the townspeople faint with excitement. On the ground is Jessica Mercer who played Ursula Merkle.

Why do the lockers smell?

Sports

As you leave the hallways and step into the gym or step outside, you'll notice the athletes in action. They sweat and work during hours of practice and then see if it will all pay off during

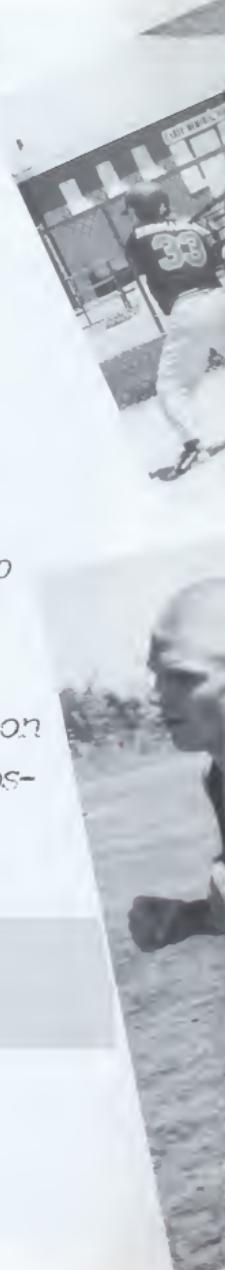
A complete lineup of all the teams on the roster.

the actual game.

If you aren't into the actual physical aspect of the team you can be a manager or there's always room for more athletic



supporters. Buy a season pass or join a local team. All it takes is all you got. Go get em'.



Casey Hermanson watches an incoming pitch and prepares to make the grand slam hit against a strong Benton Central team in softball. Josh Jones attempts to take down his opponent by taking him on head to head. Sectional play means an extremely attentive varsity volleyball team seen below preparing for the return. Josh Carr gets the shot off amidst several McCutcheon players. Finally, Mike Koebcke defends his status as a strong senior member of the X-country team under Mr. Zimmer's direction.



Sports

- Girls Golf 76
- Volleyball 78
- Football 82
- Boys Tennis 86
- X-Country 88
- Wrestling 92
- Basketball 94
- Swimming 102
- Girls Tennis 106
- Boys Golf 108
- Track 110
- Softball 114
- Baseball 116
- Cheerleaders 120

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Putting For Par

While humming "Leaving on a Jet Plane," ace junior putter Meeghan Smith rolls one in for par during the 1998 Girls' Golf Sectional, at Sandy Pines Country Club in northern Jasper County.



Reading The Green

Reading the green correctly is one of the most important techniques of a good putt. In the photo above, Krissi Darnaby will sink this carefully planned putt with no problem, and the fans will go wild!



Chip Shot

Sophomore, Alicia Standish, examines the slope, then executes the swing. This season was Alicia's second, and she earned her varsity letter!

Terrific Tee Shot

Sarah Bailey hits a solid drive on tee #12 at the home course, Curtis Creek Country Club. This season was Sarah's first, and she picked up on the game very quickly!



From the Golf Bag

Terrah Smith thoughtfully stated, "As a freshman, this season has been a learning experience, but also really fun! I am certainly looking forward to next year!"

Meeghan Smith expressed with a silly chuckle, "Although Dede won't physically be with us next year, she will most definitely remain in our hearts; just thinking about her and her outlook on the game of golf will bring many smiles to our faces, and get us through the tough courses. We love you, Dede!"

Megan Casey said, "I credit the golf team to corrupting my mind; the things they influenced me to do were things I would never had done in sound mind. However, the team improved every time it played, and ended the season with personal bests. Despite Dede's absence, I am looking forward to next year!"



Supportive Super-Fans

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Dr. Tom Ryan and Coach Rich Stefanich observe the 1998 Girls' Golf Sectional on the lovely afternoon of September 19th.



1998 VARSITY AND JV GIRLS' GOLF TEAM

What a team they were! Each and every Lady Bomber Golfer, both returning and new, gave it their all to become competitive golfers with a very satisfied coach. Back row (Varsity): Krissi Darnaby, Meeghan Smith, Dede Wiener, Coach Stefanich, Megan Casey, Andrea Nussbaum, and Alicia Standish. Front row (JV): Misty Demoss, Lindsey Jeffries, Sarah Bailey, Michelle Donnelly, Terrah Smith, Samantha Hopkins, and Ashli Nelson.



Dede's Dynamic Drive

Beloved senior team captain, Dede Wiener, shows off her pure raw skill at the 1998 Girls' Golf Sectional by driving toward the 10th green at Sandy Pines.

Concentration Is The Key

Without concentration, an easy putt can be easily missed. Andrea Nussbaum shows everyone how to master the green.

Lets Talk It Out

The JV girl's team, Randi Raff (1) and Kaye Rodibaugh (5) are talking things out between a serve. Ashley Hayworth (7) and Alina Matthew (3) are getting ready for the serve from their team mate.



Pump Us Up

Coach Kauffman is getting the JV girls' team pumped up for their third match which is a very important determining factor to their record.

Let's Get A Point

The team gathers to do their team clap and chant after gaining back the volley. Ashley Hayworth (7) prepares to serve the ball.



Just Serve the Ball

Stacy Plett (2) is getting ready to serve the ball at the match versus West Central, while Ashley Hayworth (7) prepares to defend for the Bombers.

I Want This Ball

Abby Canaday, Kaye Rodibaugh, and Randi Raff are preparing to return a serve. Meanwhile, Tara Burman serves as a line judge awaiting her varsity match.



Impressive Underclassmen Volleyball

JV STATS

Team	Results
Central Catholic	W
Bethel	W
South Haven	W
Grand Haven	L
Reedsburg	L
Port Clinton	L
Crown Point	L
Twin Lakes	L
West Lafayette	L
Reedsburg	L
Franklin	W
Elkhorn	W
North Judson	L
Tri-County	W
North Newton	W
Benton Central	L
Washington	W
Lodi	L
North Moline	L
West Central	L
West Central	L
Teacher	W
Lower Coll	W
Reedsburg	W
Central Catholic	W
West Lafayette	L
Twin Lakes	L
Washington	W
Reedsburg	W

Quote From Coach

Coach Chernowsky said, "The girls worked really hard and they were constantly improving. The game that stands out in my mind is the tourney that we played like Central. We took them to the third game and ended up letting them still play very good. For my first year it was a fun year the girls were a great group to have."



The JV Volleyball Team

From front row: Kaye Rodibaugh, Ashley Hayworth, Tara Burman, Amanda Dewees, and Abby Canaday. Top Row: Ashley Streitmatter, Alina Mathews, Stacy Plett, Coach Kaufman, Coach Chernowsky, Corie Kanney, Jamie VanHouten, and Randi Raff.



The Freshmen Volleyball Team

From bottom row - left to right: Missy Seely, Jenny Shearer, Daniel McGuire, Shayla Hesson, Katie Hoffmyer, Jessica Martin, and Brooke Hewitt. Top row left to right: Coach Chernowsky, Bethany Streitmatter, Amber Minix, Samaha Martin, Cassie Smith, Ashley Brenneman, and Carman Blubaugh.

I'll Tell You What I Think!

Stacy Plett quoted, "I had a blast this year, and I hope that we all stick together and improve together."



Tell Me What You Think

Ashley Brenneman quotes, "This year was a winning season, and we practiced hard and never gave up." As we travel on through our high school careers I hope we all improve."

Sub Me In

Corie Kanney (6) is slapping her teammates hand after subbing into the match for Abby Canaday(9).



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Spike!

Bumpers

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Team Effort

Kara Tiede, Tara Wood, Sara Putt, Shannon Nesius, Michelle Kiger, and Tara Burman are showing their teamwork after they score. These team claps after scoring were one of the Lady Bombers' trademarks showing their excellent teamwork.

Setting up for the kill

With some major "ups," Kara Tiede is getting ready to send the ball home with a nasty spike. Her other teammates on the floor include Tara Wood, Erin Kosta, and Shannon Nesius.

Starting it up

Senior Shannon Nesius is lettin' the ball fly with one of her powerful overhand serves.



Ready for Action

With intense glares, Aimee Clouse and Tara Burman are just waiting to give their opponents a piece of the action.



Bumpin' Back

Senior Allison Allie watches Michelle Kiger give the ball a little nudge.



Lady Bombers give great effort

The Lady Bombers had some major "ups and downs" in this year's season. They went through some pretty tough times and they also picked up several wins. Coach Derek Klute agrees, "Overall, our season wasn't very consistent, we had some major points in the season, but we also had some minor points." He also explained that, "They suffered from inexperience, due to the loss of a few star players from last year." He continues, "The best part of the season was at the beginning when we started out strong with a 5 - 0 record." When asked about the team's strong points, he replied, "They were never afraid to give all their effort. During games, they always worked their hardest."

Congratulations, ladies, on a great season!



Team members include (from left to right) Top Row: Coach ZoëAnn Chernosky, Coach Linda Kaufman, Michelle Mattocks, Shannon Nesius, Tara Wood, Michelle Kiger, and Coach Derek Klute Bottom Row: Sara Putt, Kara Tiede, Tara Burman, Jessica Fredrick, Allison Allie, Erin Kosta, and Aimee Clouse



I got it!!

Sara Putt looks on as she waits for her teammate Jessica Fredrick to bump the ball back to her opponents.

Nice bump!!

Michelle Mattocks and Aimee Clouse watch Kara Tiede start the offense with a quick bump.



All-Conference Athletes

Juniors Erin Kosta and Kara Tiede were recognized this year as All-Conference athletes in the newly-established Hoosier Conference. Coach Derek Klute selected these two women because of their skill and consistency. Erin Kosta excelled at setting the ball, while Kara Tiede's forte was hitting and passing.

Koecke with Coverage

Freshman Brett Koecke denies his man an opening as he runs his route to get open.



Bomber D Smothers Opponent

The unrelenting Bomber defense swarms yet another running back on their way to a victory. In this picture, the Red Devils of Lowell feel the wrath of the suffocating defense.

Taulman in Pain

Sophomore Rudy Taulman is helped off the field by Coach Matt Stevens and Athletic Trainer Kenny Hickman.



Greene and Freeman Lead Bombers

Sophomore Mike Greene and Freshman Jeremy Freeman lead the victorious Bombers off the field after their game. At the post-season banquet, Greene was awarded the Best Defensive Back award and Freeman was the Best Offensive Back. Robbie Sipkema was awarded the Best Defensive Lineman trophy. Also racking in an award was Brandon Howard, who earned the Best Offensive Lineman award.



JV Explodes on the Scene



The 1998 Football Team: (bottom row from left) Manager Candice Wilkerson, Tim Myers, Josh Golder, Brett Koebcke, Ben DeWees, Josh Carr, Brandon Howard, Jeremy Freeman, Robbie Sipkema, John Blue, Brandon Pellegrino, Marty Hall, and Manager Heather Lyons; (second row) Joel Nagel, Seth Baer, Raymond Golder, Marcus Davis, Nolan Hitchcock, Mike Greene, Josh Jones, Rudy Taulman, Doug Hannon, Zak Zimmer, John Balvich, and Manager Brittany Sweeney; (third row) Mike Morrison, Kevin Zacher, Mark Brouwer, Eric Nagel, Charlie Swartzell, Ryan Standish, Kyle Nagel, Dennis Luchene, Chris Yenna, Chris Peck, Bryan Rodibaugh, and Tom Vigeant; and (top row) Coach Jerry McKim, Coach Chris Meeks, Coach Sam Cox, Jason Scott, Ben Crotteau, Lars Kristoferson, Cory Malchow, Matt Kiger, Garrett Alson, Justin Roberts, Coach Josh Hauser, and Coach Matt Stevens.



JV Learns By Watching

JV players Brett Koebcke, Dennis Luchene, Charlie Swartzell, and John Balvich watch with much concentration on the sideline as they watch their varsity teammates.

Scoreboard

	Us	Them
South Newton	18	14
Lowell	12	0
Kankakee Valley	6	12
Winamac	6	28
North Judion	50	0
North Newton	27	0
Carroll	14	27
Twin Lakes	7	12
West Lafayette	7	6



Varsity Helping JV

Varsity wide receiver Bryan Rodibaugh helps out at the JV game. As Rodibaugh shows, the JV team has just piled on another first down against their weak opponents.

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BOMBER PRIDE

Showing their Bomber pride astraddle a fire truck, Candice Wilkerson, Garrett Alson, Matt Kiger, Justin Roberts, Cory Malchow, Lars Kristoffersen, Brittany Sweeney, and Ryan Standish ease on down the Homecoming parade path on September 25, 1998.



PLAYING THEIR HEARTS OUT.

The picture on the right shows Garrett Alson and his knights of the round table lining up on the 3 yard line of the Kankakee Valley field and get ready to drive down the field for a touchdown. Even though the Bombers lost the Cracker Barrel many people say that the Bombers were a competitive team on the field.



YOU CAN'T STOP THIS

Chris Peck breaks through the West Lafayette Devils defense, as he tries to get a touchdown. Peck had an outstanding year as a junior on the team.



DEFENSE!! DEFENSE!! DEFENSE!!

Cory Malchow (77), Chris Yenna (43), Kevin Zacher, Kyle Nagel (33), and the rest of Bombers defense gets into position to stop the West Lafayette's Devil offense.

Know the Score

RCHS

THEM

00	South Newton 18
06	Twin Lakes 40
23	North Newton 12
00	North Judson 21
14	Kankakee Valley 18
17	West Lafayette 38
10	Dekalb Community 18
23	Indianapolis Tech 58
07	Benton Central 14
20	Winamac 26



SOME WORDS TO SAY:

Jerry McKim recalled, "It was a season much like all seasons. The players worked hard and remained committed to improving their football skills. The coaching staff was proud of the dedication the players made them. I'd do it all again."



THE BIG BLACK AND RED: (front) Matt Kiger, Jason Scott, Ben Croteau, Garrett Alson, Justin Roberts, Cory Malchow, Lars Kristofferson; and (back) Chris Meeks, Jerry McKim, Sam Cox. These men are the senior varsity Bomber football players and coaches: leadership through hard knocks.



FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN

Senior Garrett Alson, quarterbacked the Bombers varsity football team and was voted by the team to be one of two leaders. Garrett completed 826 yards total offense for the season and executed 48 tackles on defense. Garrett was one of many on the All Area team.



SECOND TEAM CAPTAIN

Offensive and defensive lineman Jason Scott was a man whom the team and the coaches depended on a lot. Even though Jason was injured half of the season, he was voted as the most feared lineman in the Hoosier Conference, with a season total of 35 tackles.

Layout by Cory Malchow

Why do the lockers smell? 85

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Tillett Awaits His Partner's Serve Luke Tillett joined the boys tennis team this past year for the first time. He played along side Chris Wilcox to make up one of the doubles teams on the JV.



Cawby Waits At The Net For The Competitors

Return Cawby, a senior, participated in varsity tennis for two years, and a single year on the junior varsity. At the #1 doubles position, he, along with Abel, were selected to the Hoosier Conference-All-Conference Team.

Jatin and Kevin

Senior Jatin Patel puts away his racket after a victory over KV. Junior Kevin Gillespie is making his way on to the court that has opened up.

Abel approaches a serve

Alex, a senior, is serving one of many serves throughout his three years of tennis action. His major achievement in tennis was being selected to the first Hoosier Conference All-Conference team.



Five Seniors On Top

From left to right, Luke Tillett, Jatin Patel, Yo Gutwein, Alex Abel, and Sean Cawby represented the teams five seniors on senior night. These five led the team throughout the year and guided the boys to their winning season.

Lebanon Invitational Champions

The 1998 boys tennis team brought home the schools first tennis trophy after tournament play at Lebanon. The varsity defeated Elwood in the morning, and then defeated the defending champions, Lebanon, in the finals.

Varsity Records

Mark Alson Puts His Mean Swerve On

Sophomore Mark Alson earned his position on the varsity team for his first year of participation. Mark teamed up with Wes Mattocks to combine for the Super Sophomores.



"Move Your Feet Mattocks"

First year coach Kasey Kinnaman constantly yelled at Wes for standing still. Wes, a sophomore, made his spectacular varsity debut this year at the #2 doubles position. He really held his own as an underclassman on varsity.

Players	Wins	Loses
Yo Gutwein	8	10
Jatin Patel	9	9
Adam Alson	12	6
Sean Cawby	11	7
Alex Abel	10	7
Mark Alson	8	10
Wes Mattocks	8	10
Jarod Steffen	1	1
Chris Wilcox	0	1



Busted Racket.

Jatin Patel looks on as coach Kasey Kinnaman fixes his racket. Kinnaman attends St. Joseph's College, and is a member of the men's tennis program there.



The 1998 Boys Tennis Team.

Back Row (from left to the right) Brian Inskeep, Adam Alson, Yo Gutwein, Jarod Steffen, Wes Mattocks, Kevin Gillespie, and coach Kasey Kinnaman.

Front Row (from left to right) Mark Alson, Jatin Patel, Alex Abel, Sean Cawby, Joey Luchene, and Chris Wilcox.



The Junior Powerhouse

Jarod Steffen and Kevin Gillespie are two returning juniors to the line up. Both played at the top of the junior varsity for their second straight year. "We're juniors on JV, and we're proud of it." Kevin and Jarod will be leading the Bombers next year during their senior year.

ZIMMER

3:16

Zimmer 3:16 was this years theme among all of the runners.

Z's Final Report:

Mr. Z highlights this year's season: Mr. Zimmer felt that the girls came out and carried through the season with a strong effort. He said that for him the most exciting meet this year, was when the team placed second at the Harrison Invitational. At this particular invite, the RCHS girls finished ahead of some of the top schools. Another highlight this year, was the team competing at Semi-State.

GIRLS RUNNING Cross FOR A Country WIN

The Future is Bright:

Here Keely McIlwain is receiving one of her numerous awards as a freshman runner. It seems that McIlwain has a bright future at RCHS.



Girls Time Out:

Shown below the girl's team relaxes after a day of LONG, tough races, yet still have enough energy and spirit to smile for a photo op.



Underclassmen are Important too:

Jocelyn, Katie, Cristina, Keely, and Eva pose for a picture before they trudge in and give it their all in the race ahead.

Another Freshman Shines:

Miss Eva Gutwein shown to the right pacing herself during a race at RCHS.

Part of the Freshman Clan:

Katie Courtright is shown pacing herself while trying to make it look like she's having fun.



SENIOR 99:

Shown below, is one of the lone senior runners, Cara Ockerman. Cara has shown much leadership as a four year member to the RCHS girls cross country team. Her leadership and dedication to the sport will be missed in the future years.



Just for the Record:

TEAM US THEM

H.Central	31	24
W.Central	24	67
Pioneer	24	40
B.Central	32	23
Harrison Inv.	2nd/10 teams	
T.Lakes	28	67
N.Newton	28	36
N.Prairie Inv.	4th/34 teams	
N.Judson	34	97
Winamac	34	36
K.V.	34	56
Logan Inv.	3rd/11 teams	
Conference	3rd	
C.Catholic	31	25
Sectional	2nd	
Regional	3rd	



Mug Shot:

Mr. Zimmer, has led the girls cross country team for several years now, and continues to be the girls fearless leader and coach.

The girls team also competed as a team at this year's Semi-State competition!!!



Back Row (left to right) Mr. Zimmer, Christina Jacobson, Libby Weston, Kristi Zobel, Keely McIlwain, Tanya Igoe, Eva Gutwein, Front Row (left to right) Jocelyn Boose, Katie Courtright, Stella Zicherel, Cara Ockerman, Cassie Frazee



Underclassmen to Pose Again:

Shown above, Jocelyn Boose, Eva Gutwein, Christina Jacobson, Stella Zicherel, Katie Courtright, and Keely McIlwain take part in a bit of team relaxation, while getting pumped for the up-coming race.

BOYS

■ Coming *x*
■ Together
COUNTRY

SPRINTING TO THE FINISH
Senoir Josh Taylor sucks up a second wind to finish strong.

SLOWER TRAFFIC
MAY USE
SHOULDER
TO PERMIT
PASSING

RUNNERS TAKE YOUR MARK
The Bombers took home the gold with a first place finish in the 30-team New Prairie Invitational.



TOP DOG

New Prairie was not only home to an Invitational, but also hosted cross country regionals. Here Matt Schenk leads the pack to advance the Bombers to semi-state. Schenk really stepped up his role for the team this year.



ZIMMER 3:16

All-Conference Participants

Alex Kingman, along with Justin Wiseman and Matt Schenk, were named all conference for their accomplishments in the Hoosier Conference meet.



	US	Them
Hanover Central	21	34
West Central	24	67
Pioneer	24	40
Lowell	35	31
Benton Central	35	56
Twin Lakes	21	42
North Newton	21	7
Tri-County	19	36
South Newton	19	84
Kankakee Valley	73	33
Winamac	73	44
North Judson	73	78
Gavit Inv.	2nd Place	
RCHS Inv.	2nd & 3rd	
New Prairie Inv.	1st Place	
Logansport Inv.	3rd Place	
Conference	1st Place	
Sectional	2nd Place	
Regional	4th Place	
!!semi-State Qualifiers!!		



"The team proved success isn't decided by the size of a team. "The season went well because of good attitudes-our goal was to have fun and we did."

-XC Coach
Bill Zimmer



Men's Cross Country Team

(Top row from left to right) Coach Bill Zimmer, Elliot Zimmer, Mike Koebcke, Josh Taylor, John Walters, (bottom row from left to right) Seth Streitmatter, Alex Kingman, Justin Virok, Justin Wiseman, and Matt Schenk



To the Dunes and Beyond

Fun was very valuable to the Cross Country team; throughout the season a trip to the Dunes , a golf outing, a night of bowling, team dinners, and fun runs brought the team closer and was key in their success.

One Year Wiser

This experienced senior squad lead their team to a number of victories including a big second at the Rensselaer Central Invitational.

- 1998 - Young but
- 1999 hard to
- R.C.H.S beat
- WRES-
- TLING

POSITIONING IS KEY

The picture on the right shows the 145 lbs. sophomore, Josh Jones, getting into position to take down his opponent from Benton Central for two points.



TAKE DOWN

In the picture to the right Sophomore Kyle Johns is shooting for a single leg take down for two points against the 102 lbs wrestler, a West Lafayette Red Devil. Also, Kyle is one of the few athletes on the Bomber wrestling team who received the chance to be in the Hoosier Conference competition.

GOING FOR THE GOLD

The picture below shows senior Tom Alberts getting his award for winning first place in the IHSAA Sectional competing in the 152 lbs. weight class.





SOME WORDS TO SAY

Head Coach Chris Meeks voiced his thoughts: "This year's varsity wrestling team finished the season with 16 wins and 5 losses, which I think is very pleasing considering we will be returning 19 of my 22 member squad next year. We were very, very young, but what we lacked in experience we gained in hard work and effort. These kids gave it their all throughout the season. I would also credit my senior wrestlers Tom Alberts, Cory Malchow, and Jason Scott for their leadership. These 3 seniors led the team on and off the mat. They demonstrated to our younger wrestlers what it takes to be Rensselaer wrestlers."



NEVER GIVING UP

The picture above shows senior Jason Scott competing in the 215 lbs. weight class for the Rensselaer Bombers. Jason is trying to get out from the bottom so he can win the match and eventually contribute to the victory for the whole meet.

Know the Score

RECORDS: 16 wins - 5 losses

Dual Meets

2nd Place	Michigan City Super Duals (8 Teams)
1st Place	North White Invitational (5 Teams)
2nd Place	Rensselaer Super Duals (6 Teams)
2nd Place	Twin Lakes Invitational (16 Teams)
2nd Place	Logansport Holiday Classic (8 Teams)
2nd Place	Hoosier Conference Tournament (5 Teams)
2nd Place	ISHAA Sectional (5 Teams)



The 1998 - 1999 Rensselaer Team:

Top row: Head Coach Chris Meeks, Elliot Zimmer, Jason Scott, Robert Linback, Mike Morrison, Josh Jones, Nolan Hitchcock, Assistant Coach Dan Klizak, Coach Matt Anderson; middle row: John Blue, Chris Yenna, Jeremy Freeman, Kyle Nagle, Cory Malchow, Andy Blasky, Brian Lakin, Hanney Marlin, Tom Alberts; and bottom row: Coach Chris Stone, John Tiede, Joe Chamberlain, Joel Nagel, Seth Baer, Kyle Nagel, Tom Vigeant, Michael Greene, and manager Stacy Johns.

NAMES:

1. Chris Yenna (JR)
2. Kyle John (SOPH)
3. Tom Alberts (SR)
4. Jason Scott (SR)
5. Kyle Nagle (JR)
6. Seth Baer (JR)
7. Josh Jones (SOPH)
8. Michael Greene (SOPH)
9. Joel Nagel (JR)

RECORDS:

1. 31-5
2. 29-5
3. 28-8
4. 27-6
5. 26-7
6. 24-10
7. 23-10
8. 23-9
9. 16-13

NAMES:

10. Andy Blasky (JR)
11. Nolan Hitchcock (SOPH)
12. Robert Linback (SOPH)
13. Elliott Zimmer (SOPH)
14. Joe Chamberlain (JR)
15. Jeremy Freeman (JR)
16. Cory Malchow (SR)
17. John Blue (JR)
18. John Tiede (SOPH)

RECORDS:

10. 16-13
11. 16-20
12. 8-11
13. 8-11
14. 8-17
15. 8-24
16. 2-4
17. 0-1
18. 0-3



FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN

Tom Alberts is one of our Senior team Captains. Tom never gave up during a match and worked his hardest in practice. To show this, Tom's record was 28-8, placing 1st in the IHSAA and 4th in the IHSAA Regional in the 152 lbs. weight class.

SECOND TEAM CAPTAIN

Jason Scott is another senior team captain for the wrestling team. Competing in the 215 lbs weight class, Jason had the most pressure to win his matches for the team. Jason had a record of 27-6, placing 1st in ISHAA Sectional, and being named a Hoosier Conference Champion.

Interception

To the right Samaah Marlin tries to intercept a pass at an away basketball game at Kankakee Valley.

Solid Defense

In the photo to the right, freshman Shyla Hesson aggressively shows some defensive skills against an opponent from Lowell.

Set It Up

In the picture below, Samaah Marlin brings the ball down and sets up the freshmen Bomber girls for a splendid shot in the paint.



Minix Goes for the Block

Playing defense above, Amber Minix steps in the way of her Lowell opponent to reject the shot!

Team Huddle

In the photo right, the freshmen Lady Bombers take a time out to discuss their strategy.



J.V./FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

J.V.

	Us	Their
Kent	44	18
Central Catholic	52	14
Winamac	32	17
North White	35	19
Hancock Central	52	11
Harrison	19	34
Benton Central	35	27
Hebron	44	12
North Newton	25	18
South Newton	24	6
W. Central	20	21
Ton Lake	40	31
W. Lafayette	18	18
Tri-County	31	24
KV	34	35
Frontier	42	25
North Judson	35	34
Elkhart	54	10
West Central	35	21
North Newton	35	17



JV Lady Bomber Basketball: Relissa Carr, Kelly Lane, Staci Plett, Coach Linda Kauffman, Ashley Zeilmann, Randi Raff, Alina Mathew, Christina Jacobson, TJ Norrington, Kaye Rodibaugh, Ashley Hayworth, Amanda DeWees, Jamie VanHouten, and Leslie Peterson.

Freshmen

	Us	Their
Kammond Morton	55	12
Benton Central	23	37
Lowell	20	30
McCutcheon	21	35
KV	27	28
W. Lafayette	21	28
Valparaiso	6	21
Crown Point	17	50
Harrison	24	44
Lowell	22	30
KV	27	26



Freshman Lady Bomber Basketball: Kira Schultz, Brooke Schantz, Alina Mathew, Amber Minix, Melanie Allis, Coach Kelly Fink, Sammeh Marlin, Danielle McGuire, Shyla Hesson, Kristy Conley, Megan Nagel

With A Smirk In the photo below, Staci Plett shows confidence in her team as she smiles while playing offense against the North Judson Lady Jays.



Rebound Randi In the photo above, Randi Raff attempts to block out an opponent in order to grab the rebound at a home game against North Judson.

Nothing But Net To the left, Staci Plett, who never misses a free throw, sinks this one for a critical point in the game.



Our positive Girls determined Shoot ambitious For a challenge Great exciting Year fun

See How It's Done

Freshman Kelly Lane watches as her senior teammate Stephanie Jordan drives past the opponent to the basket for a shot.

Defense for a Victory

Working as a team, Stephanie Jordan and Michelle Kiger attack the offense and look for a turnover.



Kiger for Two

While looking for a shot, Michelle

Kiger is approached by three opponents.

Although only a sophomore, Michelle was an integral part of the Bomber offense this season.



Jumping High

Sara Cummings, wearing number forty, stretches out to block a shot during the Bomber's game against West Central. Sara led the team in blocks this year with an impressive thirty-seven on the season.



Season's Scores

	Us	Them
Knox	37	53
Central Catholic	38	47
Winona	51	64
North White	53	52
Hanover Central	49	66
Harrison	50	53
Benton Central	44	68
Hebron	46	31
North Newton	45	61
South Newton	44	27
Rossville	51	47
Carroll	54	43
Twin Lakes	49	79
Kankakee Valley	50	43
West Central	45	43
Frontier	39	31
North Judson	46	64
Tri County	53	69
Worthington	38	61
Dolphi	56	33
Sectionals		
Kankakee Valley	66	50
Twin Lakes	37	57



T-E-A-M Work

The Lady Bombers huddle together as a team to get pumped before the start of the senior night game versus Tri County.



Bomber Pride

(Bottom row from left) T.J. Norrington, Erin Kosta, Sara Putt, Tara Burman, Kara Tieke, and Leslie Peterson (Top row from left) Coach Marian Horazy, Coach Mindy Baiuer, Relissa Carr, Lori Lane, Sara Cummings, Stephanie Jordan, Michelle Mattocks, Tara Wood, Michelle Kiger Christina Jacobson, and Coach Linda Kaufman (not pictured Kelly Lane.)



Senior Leadership

Sara Putt, shown to the left playing zone defense, was one of only two seniors on this year's varsity girl's basketball team. Both she and Stephanie Jordan, the other senior, played key roles both on and off the court for the Lady Bombers.



Looking Forward

The team got along well together and worked hard this season according to Tara Wood. She is looking forward to next year considering this year's team consisted of five juniors who will provide experience to the varsity team next season.

ITS GO TIME

Justin Rodibaugh throws up a shot against a McCutcheon defender.



GETTIN' READY TO GO

Colin Riley shoots it up during warm-up to get ready for the big game. He ended the season playing for the Varsity team.



NOTHIN' BUT NET

Doug Hannon shoots a critical free throw during a J.V. game against the McCutcheon team. In the photo the teams both scrimmage for the rebound.



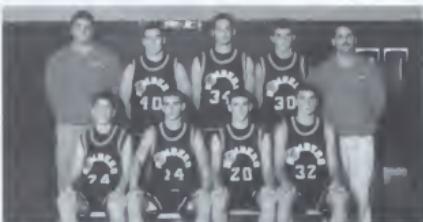
FROSH / JV BASKETBALL

Stats

	Us	Them
Lowell	27	31
Tri-County	28	44
Central Catholic	49	26
North White	44	27
Harrison	28	48
South Newton	39	34
Frontier	62	28
Pioneer	52	45
Knox	48	34
Benton Central	47	56
North Newton	43	34
Winamac	38	45
K.V.	29	50
Kouts	37	46
West Central	41	30
W. Lafayette	42	61
Twin Lakes	36	30
North Judson	40	47
McCutcheon	30	41
Dolphin	38	58

Stats

	Us	Them
Dolphin	51	27
Benton Central	36	40
Harrison	22	47
Winamac	45	42
Tri-County	47	50
Valparaiso	21	58
South Newton	30	37
North White	62	36
W. Lafayette	19	70
Kouts	55	41
W. Central	51	24
Kankakee Valley	38	56



THE J.V. BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row from left: Colin Riley, Justin Rodibaugh, Rudy Taulman, Brett Koebcke. Top row from left: assistant coach Glenn Donahue, Doug Hannon, Garrett Brock, Cory Spurgeon, head coach Derrick Klute.



THE BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row from left: Brandon Pellegrino, Aaron Lomax, Matt Graf, Josh Golder, John Head. Top row from left: head coach Earnie Watson, Dennis Black, Josh Carr, Brandon Howard, John Balvich, Robert Sipkema, Todd Ludington, Brian Inskip.

BOMBERS IN ACTION

The Bombers try to pull down an important rebound.

Josh Carr tries to put up a successful shot in a lot of traffic.



LET'S FIRE IT UP

Coach Watson gets his team ready to go during a timeout at a freshman game.



IT'S ALL DEFENSE

The freshmen step it up on defense at an away basketball game. The guys went on to beat South Newton 39-34.

Varsity Hoops



GARRETT ALISON



MATT RIGER



ALEX KINGMAN



JUSTIN ROBERTS



DAVE RISNER

Eagerness and Anticipation

Junior, Bryan Rodibaugh, shown to the right, tries to fight his way around a McCutcheon defender to get a rebound.

Flying For a Three

Shown below Junior Brett Kosanovich shows his three point shot over a McCutcheon defender. Nice arch huh?



WHO'S IS IT ANYWAYS?

The guys look to the rim above hoping to pull down the rebound during the West Central game.

OH YES!

Shown to the right, "Chainsaw" Charlie Swartzell shows his ups during pre-game warm up. As you can see, he's right there at the top. To the far right, Senior Justin Roberts is shown taking one for the team. Nice Work!!



RESULTS

TEAM	RCHS	THEM
Tri-County	85	79
Central Catholic	63	72
Lowell	60	65
Valpo	67	62
Harrison	54	75
S.Newton	29	47
Frontier	82	90
Pioneer	46	52
Knox	59	63
B.Central	33	60
Winamac	47	56
N.Newton	80	63
R.V.	51	54
Kostr	69	68
W.Central	63	54
Lowell	42	49
T.Lakes	50	52
N.Julian	45	44
McCutcheon	43	57
Dolphi	52	72
B.Central	39	54



SENIORS SHOW AFFECTION:

Alex Kingman and Justin Roberts give each other one last hug. The senior members on the team seemed to have a real "close" relationship??.



Back Row:(L to R) Mr. Klute, Mr. Donahue, Brett Kosanovich, Eric Nagel, Justin Holbrook, Charlie Swartzell, Bryan Rodibaugh, and Mr. Hauser. Front Row: Justin Roberts, Matt Kiger, Alex Kingman, Dave Risner, Garrett Alson, and Kevin Gelspe.



He's Got The Ups:

Just to the left, Junior Kevin Gillespie shows his vertical during one of the games. Teammates Eric Nagel and Dave Risner look on to back him up during a game against West Central.

Are You Looking At Me?:

Senior Dave Risner shown above tries to out smart the competition during a game against West Central.

Senior Gives It His All

Shown below is Senior Dave Risner blocking out the opponent for a rebound during the boy's game at McCutcheon. Other Senior teammates Justin Roberts and Garrett Alson look on in anticipation.



- A new sea-
- How's
- son, a new
- My
- record.
- Wake
- What a
- Taste?
- great time!

Smilin Gals

This year the gals swim team had a new record set. The four lovely ladies were remarkably all underclassmen and still have a few years left that they can improve their time! The gals were: Gavra Spence, Ashli Nelson, Katie Courtright, & Keely McIlwain. Gavra Spence said that "It was an awesome feeling to know that our relay team set the only record for the year!"

Oh Captain My Captains..
At the right was this season's captains...notice the "s" on that word. This year two fine young ladies were chosen to be co-captains, Sarah Brown & Jessica Taulman

INHALE..EXHALE..BREATHE
Below is Sarah Bailey, a junior and first year diver. She is about to give an explosive dive for the judges.



HERE COMES THE START!

Below is Lucy Gutwein, one of the five fabulous seniors. She is about to dive in for an immaculate swim!



Wins & Losses

	US	Them
North Judson	132	52
Harrison/Seeger	155	90/13
W.Lafayette/C.C.	118	71/138
Twin Lakes	82	103
Merrillville	76	110
Pioneer	93	92
Griffith	101	84
Dolphin	121	65
Knox	97	89
KV	112	74
Crown Point	134	52
Lowell	104	82

Rensselaer Relays: 3rd Place
Hoosier conference: 3rd Place
Sectionals: 6th out of 8



Above is senior Lucy Gutwein. When asked about how she felt about her last year of swimming she said, "I enjoyed my year and it all went well especially with our new coach, she's great!"



Above is the 1998-1999 Gals Swim Team. Starting in the front from left to right is Manager D. Donnelly, J. Boose, K. Courtright, T. Querry, K. McIlwain, T. Smith, M. Smith, C. Smith, S. Herre, A. Lucas, Coach D. Spence , Second Row: G. Spence, S. Wakeland, T. Igoe, S. Bailey, C. Kaney, K. Zobel, H. Lyons, L. Bailey Back row: D. Hopkins, B. Streitmatter, L. Brown, S. Brown, L. Gutwein, J. Taulman, B. Fish, A. Gutwein



HEADS UP!

To the left is Gavra Spence with a head out in front of the rest. This was a shot from the relay team of Gavra Spence, Ashli Nelson, Keely McIlwain, & Katie Courtright that set the new record.

SENIORS..

So few, so proud. This was Rensselaer's last year with these fabulous eight senior swimmers. They have dedicated their four years of high school to a sport in which they dominate the waves!

The 1998- 1999 Boy's Swimming Giving the opponents a run for their money.

Vossburger!

Aaron Voss, a freshmen, gets in position on the blocks for the start of the backstroke race. Voss was a spunky competitor and always had a smile on his face. The older members make sure that the freshmen are initiated properly but Aaron was still alive after the season to talk about it.

Get out of the way!

This is really what it looks like underwater. Ian Quarry "poses" for a close-up during practice.



Real Concentra-

tion You can see dedication of Luke Tillett written on his face as he bolts off the blocks starting one of the men's relays. Anyone who attended a meet could see this same "game face" on all of the men's swim team members. Even though the team only had two senior leaders they really pulled it together and gave each opponent a run for their money. The mens' dedication and support for each other reached deep into sectional week when they participated in the long time tradition of coloring their hair and then shaving it off in crazy designs to boost team morale.



Check out that Zimmer! Zak Zimmer, a sophomore, concentrates on his start as he awaits the "GO" from the official. The start of each race is the swimmer's time to be nervous. The adrenaline gets pumping as they're given the okay to take the blocks. They shake out those last few muscles before they clench their fingers around the edge of the blocks and take their mark. With the crowd hushed, it seems like an eternity until they finally hear the signal.....



Can you see me?

Ryan Standish, a junior, takes the plunge during a brief warm up lap after the diving events at a meet.

At the gun...

Opponents Win/Loss

Twin Lakes	Win
Merrillville	Win
Pioneer	Loss
Griffith	Win
North Judson	Win
Delphi Community	Win
Benton Central	Win
Knox	Loss
Kankakee Valley	Win
Lafayette Jeff	Win
Crown Point	Win
Lowell	Win
Harrison	Loss
Seeger	Win
McCutcheon	Win



Wheeeeeeee!

Senior swimmer and co-captain, Chris Kellow takes a breath after winning an event during Senior night. The mens' team was armed with only two seniors but by the way the team bonded, they were outstanding leaders.



The 1998-1999 mens' swim team consisted of (front row) Ray Golder, Byron Courtwright, Aaron Voss, Markus Davis, and Brian Delaney,(second row) Mgr. Mike Koebke, John Walters, Jarod Steffen, Andy Ernest, Steve Dumas, Luke Tillet, Chris Wilcox, Ian Querry,(third row)Coach Kellow, Ryan Standish, Chris Kellow, Zak Zimmer, and Mgr. Candace Wilkerson.



Catch me!

Andy Ernest dives in to the water to begin the butterfly event on Senior Night. Besides the butterfly, Ernest also made a splash in several other events.

WORKING
LADY
 HARD;
BOMBER
 PLAYING
TENNIS
 HARDER
TEAM

IT'S GO TIME

To the right, junior Meeghan Smith puts on her game face and break-away drawers in a warm-up for a home match against the Kanakakee Valley Cougars.

SERVE IT UP!

To the right junior, Lindsey Jeffries fires a powerful serve to her opponent at a home tennis match.

IN YOUR FACE!

Below sophomore, Alicia Standish, the number one player on the team, continues to play hard against her opponent for the Lady Bombers.



PUT IT ON THE BOARD

BODACIOUS BROWN In the picture below, sophomore, Laura Brown, hits a winner from the baseline, in a match against Kankakee Valley.



Results

Kankakee Valley	win
Central Catholic	loss
Benton Central	win
W. Lafayette	loss
Delphi	win
Benton Central	win
Wheeler	win
Knox	loss
N. Judson	win
McCutcheon	loss
Twin Lakes	loss
Kankakee Valley	win
Wheeler	win
Knox (Sectional)	loss



ACE FOR ALLIE

In the photo above, sporting textbook form, the only senior on the team, Allison Allie, deftly serves a fast one to her Benton Central opponent and wins the point hands down.



THE 1999 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Top row: Manager Kevin Gillespie, Suzanne LaGrande, Darshana Patel, Eva Gutwein, Marrissa Clebbs, Alicia Standish, Carmen Blugaugh, LaDawn Black, and Manager Jarod Steffen. Middle row: Alexis Simmons, Stacey Plett, Meeghan Smith, Terrah Smith, Michelle Mattocks, Sarah Bailey. Bottom row: Jessica Miller, Jocelyn Boose, Allison Allie, Laura Brown, Lindsey Jeffries, Jessica Martin. Coach Liz Decker.



WE'RE THE BEST!

To the left, sophomore Laura Brown and junior Sara Cummings offer hearty congratulations and high fives to each other after winning a hard fought point on the Rensseelaer Bomber courts.

TEAMWORK!

Above, Stacey Plett and Michelle Mattocks, the number one doubles team for the Bombers, await the serve of their opponent, and are ready to pound it back across the net for the point!

HITTING

GOLF

It LONG

AT

STRAIGHT

ITS

AND

BEST

STRONG

SHHH! THIS ONE'S FOR PAR

Chris Wilcox sizes up an important putt to help his teams score at Curtis Creek Country Club.

SHOWING THE POWER

Steve Dumas hits the ball with authority off the tee toward the fairway.



UPWARD AND CUPWARD

Number three player Dave Wiener puts the ball into the air on the way to the hole at a home golf match.



STATS

LANDING ON THE GREEN

In the picture below, senior Tom Alberts tries to hit a straight shot out of the fairway at a home golf match.



	Us	Their
Andrean	173	169
Lake Central		171
K.V.	178	183
Boone Grove	176	181
Hanover Central	165	176
W. Lafayette	180	160
Frontier		200
Winamac	171	153
W. Central		205
K.V.	188	180
Tri County		194
S. Newton	180	191
Twin Lakes	185	163
Benton Central	185	
North Judson	166	189



HITTING IT LONG

In the photo above, golf team captain Alex Abel explodes one off the tee toward the pin out at Curtis Creek Country Club.



THE 1998-1999 J.V. / VARSITY BOYS GOLF TEAM

Standing, left to right: Coach Rich Stefanich, manager Megan Casey, Nolan Hitchcock, Chris Wilcox, Cory Spurgeon, Charlie Swartzell, Alex Abel, Even Woodworth, Brad Kaye, Ray Golder. Sitting, left to right: Denny Luchene, Byron Courtwright, Dave Wiener, Tom Alberts, and Steve Dumas.



CONFIDENT LEADER

To the left, senior captain and number one player on the team, Alex Abel, turns for a picture on the way to the next hole.



PUTTING IT IN FOR BIRDIE

In the picture above, Steve Dumas attempts one of his famous long putts to bring down his score during a battle out at the course.

■ Running for a
When
■ Finish; they
the
■ are off with
Smoke
■ the sound of
Clears
■ the gun

Going for Gold

Junior Chris Smith runs the 4x1 relay race going for a win. Smith returned to the track lineup this year after taking two years off.

Going Long

Senior distance runner Josh Taylor runs the 4x8 while giving his all during his Senior year with the team.



Soaring to New Heights

Senior Marcus Davis shows his pole vaulting skills by hurling himself high into the air while trying to gain a first place for his team.

Reaching for the Top

Senior Alex Kingman easily clears the bar at the pole vault pit giving his younger teammates something to reach for.



Going For the Goal:

Senior Matt (Daddy) Schenk runs another one of his LONG distance races to give the team a win.



Running Stats

	W	Them
Kankakee Valley	47	85
Twin Lakes	97	87
South Newton	97	30
North White	97	22
North Newton	104.5	27.5
West Lafayette	22	76
Harrison	22	69
Lowell	72.5	81.5
North Newton	73.5	11
North Judson	103	93.5
Boone Grove	103	20
Knox	103	27.5
Dolphi	64	64
Twin Lakes	64	39
Gene Edmonds Relays	third	
Conference	fourth	
Sectional	third	



Stresses of coaching
Varsity Coach Bill Zimmer is in deep concentration as he attempts to deal with the stresses of running a varsity track meet.



The 1999 Boys Track Team

Back row from left: Andy Ernest, Coach Bill Zimmer, John Walters, Josh Taylor, Kevin Rayber, Eric Nagel, Jason Tompson, Elliot Zimmer, Alex Kingman, Jason Scott, Coach Dan Kellow, Coach Tom Landrum; (middle) Jim He, Brandon Lockridge, Jeremy Freeman, Ben DeWees, Haney Martin, Chris Smith, Ryan Standish, Chris Kellow, Mike Koebke; and (Front row) Colin Riley, Justin Virok, Josh Jones, Marcus Davis, Brian Lakin, Justin Wiseman, Ryan Tanis, Matt Schenk, and Tommy Vigeant.



Senior Jason Scott tries to break his discuss record again as he prepares to throw at a meet. Jason was also in the running to participate in state competition.

Going the Distance

Sophomore Kevin Raber goes the distance as he attempts to keep his team in the lead in the grueling 4x8 relay.

4 X 4 Runs to Win

Justin Virok quickly hands off to Colin Riley, both sophomores, in the 4 X 4 race hoping to gain another win for the boys' track team.

- Running
- How do
- Jumping
- we look
- Throwing
- from
- Leaping
- behind?
- Sprinting

Shattering the record

The Lady Bomber four by eight hundred relay team, in which Cassie Frazee (shown below) ran the first leg, broke the school record in their event at sectionals with a time of 10.21. The other three members of the team were Cara Ockermann, Christina Jacobson, and Keely McElwain. The team placed third in the Kankakee Valley Sectional and advanced to regional.



Throwing far

In the photo directly to the right, Coach Kaufman watches as Michelle Kiger, a sophomore, gathers her strength to throw the shot.



Jumping long

In the bottom left photo, Jessica Fredrick picks up her speed and prepares to jump. Fredrick qualified for regionals in the long jump event.



Blowing away the competition

In the photo to the far right, Samaah Marlin sprints the home-stretch to claim first place in the 400 meter race at a home three-way meet.



Hurdling for a win

The photo to the left shows senior Jessica Fredrick competing in the 100 meter low hurdles. She was both Hoosier Conference champion and sectional champion. Fredrick also broke the record in the event at the Portage Relays.



Finishing strong

Keely McIlwain and Cara Ockermann take a powerful one-two finish respectively in the 1600 meter race at the RMD meet. McIlwain was a rookie freshman while Ockermann was a veteran senior for the Lady Bomber team.



Striding out

Junior Jennifer Whitaker stretches out her stride to win the 100 meter dash.

At the gun

	Us	Them
Kankakee Valley	44	79
North Newton	95	28
Twin Lakes Invite	4th of 8	
West Lafayette	17	92
and Harrison		47
Lowell	86	51
and North Newton		19
JV Invite	5th of 7	
Portage Invite	no scores	
Gene Edmonds Relays	3rd of 7	
Conference @ TL	3rd of 5	
Boone Grove	101	50
and Knox		26
and North Judson		49
RMD	77	47
		32
Sectionals @ KV		3rd



Sisterly love

Sheena Murphy holds the blocks for her sophomore sister, Leesa, at the beginning of the four by one hundred relay.



Lady Bomber Track and Field

(Bottom row from left) Cara Ockermann, Jessica Fredrick; (second row) Michelle Kiger, Amber Luzzader, Sheena Murphy, Shyla Hesson, Danielle McGuire, Jennifer Whitaker, Leslie Kennedy, Tanya Igoe, Katie Courtright, Emilia Waling, Chassity Geesee; (third row) Coach Nancy Messman, Lessa Murphy, Cassie Frazee, Sara Wakeland, Darci Donnelly, Lindsey Bailey, Heather Ensign, Ashley Hayworth, Ashley Brennenman, Keely McIlwain; and (top row) Amanda Gutwein, Christina Jacobson, Mary Tycek, Amber Minix, Rachel Mathew, Bethany Streitmatter, Samaha Martin, and Coach Linda Kaufman, Coach Marian Horazy.



Starting the race

Determination is in the eyes of Bethany Streitmatter (shown in the left center photo), a freshman 400 runner, as the gun explodes to begin her race.

Crossing the line

In the center right photo, Tanya Igoe crosses the finish line at the RCHS track.

Taking their marks

The 1600 meter runners anxiously await the start of their race at the annual RMD meet. The Lady Bombers claimed the eighty-fourth RMD with a team score of 77 compared to Twin Lake's 47 and Delphi's 32.

"Stroke it, poke
Super
 it, give it a
Slammin'
 ride. Over the
Softball
 fence, and say
Squad
 goodbye!"

Sultan of Swat
In the photo to the right, Beth Hannon, a senior, gets ready to smash one out of the park. Before every time at bat, Beth taunts her opponents by pointing to the left fence.

Roundin' the Bases
(Below) The intensity shows in Senior Angela Koebcke's face as she tries to take another base.



Coming Together
The Lady Bombers get together before the inning to set up their defense. The 1999 team was very close and big on teamwork. Pictured here (from left to right) are Beth Hannon, Jahnah Marlatt, Tara Burman, Angela Koebcke, Lori Lane, Jody Graf, and Amber Mattocks



Cy Young?

In the top photo on this page, Jodie Lakin lets a powerful pitch fly as her team mate, Jahna Marlatt protects first base.



Nice Form

In the center photo, Nicole Goodman starts the inning with a fast pitch. She always finishes each pitch with a nice touch.



GRRRR!!! In the photo above left, Senior Stacy Johns looks mean as she waits for a ball. She was the best at intimidating her opponents.

Great Season!

	Us	Them
North Newton	7	18
North White	5	24
West Lafayette	0	26
West Lafayette	1	16
Knox	15	8
Morgan Township	0	10
Frontier	4	14
Benton Central	1	12
Benton Central	0	9
Tri-County	1	9
Carlton	2	12
Hanover Central	2	15
South Newton	6	18
Dolphi	7	25
Dolphi	8	7
Twin Lakes	1	11
Crown Point	1	8
Koys	2	13
Hebron	8	6
Twin Lakes	1	11
Winamac	2	8
North White	0	15



UNDERHANDEDNESS ACCEPTABLE

Amy Hanewich, a Senior member of the 1999 girls' softball team, will mostly miss hittin' around with her friends. She says, "We were all about havin' fun!" And the above photo displays that positive attitude.



Varsity Softball Sisters

(Top from left to right) Coach Zoe Ann Chernowski, Beth Fish, Jahna Marlatt, Beth Hannon, Amy Hanewich, Jody Graf, Lori Lane, Heather Hofmeyer, Jodie Lakin, Coach Sindi Wamsley; (middle) Kristi Zobel, Casey Hermanson, Jessica Mercer, Courtney Lakin, Jamie VanHouten; and (bottom) Angela Koebke, Stacy Johns, Amber Mattocks, and Tara Burman.



Team Effort

Lori Lane, Heather Hofmeyer, and Amber Mattocks get together to contemplate their game plan.



What a Hit!

In the photo above, Danielle Klopp is slack-jawed with joy as she cranks one out of the diamond.

Wind-up

Directly to the left, Tara Burman returns the ball to the pitcher, which as brings a smile to Tara's face.

Great Coaching

In the photo below, JV Coach Sam Cox decides what sign to give his next batter. Under his leadership and guidance, the Bombers had an excellent season.



Lead-off Man

Sophomore shortstop Kyle Johns takes his hacks against Lowell in the photo to the right. Kyle sparked the potent Bomber attack many times during the 1999.



Patient Hitting

Sophomore second baseman Mark Alson takes a pitch versus the Lowell Red Devils in the above picture. Alson was a key man in the lineup, batting second in the order.

Watching Intently

At right, Kyle Johns, Ryan Stanley, and Justin Holbrook look on during a varsity game. These are a few of the JV players who travelled with the varsity on occasion.



Future Looks Bright for Bombers

Jr. Varsity

	Us	Them
Delphi	11	7
Lowell	5	2
Tri-County	12	0
N. Judson	25	4
K. Valley	7	0
W. Central	16	3
S. Newton	5	4
B. Central	7	6
N. Newton	17	10
North White	10	5
North White	13	11
K. Valley	2	5
Harrison	1	3
S. Newton	5	13
Frontier	7	10
Twin Lakes	5	15
N. Judson	17	2
B. Central	11	5
Tri-County	14	4
Lowell	10	9



JUNIOR VARSITY

Bottom row from left: Manager Heather Lyons, Manager Amy Shide, John Head, Josh Carr, Jesse Kennedy, Justin Rodibaugh, Mike Greene, Graham Carroll, Brandon Sheekle, and Manager Candice Wilkerson. Top row from left: Coach Clay Webb, Rudy Taulman, Mark Alson, Wes Mattocks, Justin Holbrook, Brett Koebcke, Kyle Johns, Coach Brian Zacher, and Coach Sam Cox.



FRESHMAN

Bottom row from left: Manager Heather Lyons, Ankit Patel, Brett Koebcke, Matt Graf, Josh Carr, and John Head. Top row: Coach Clay Webb, Manager Amy Shide, Brandon Pellegrino, Marty Hall, Brandon Howard, Mike Asbell, Manager Candice Wilkerson, and Coach Brian Zacher.

Excellent Battery

Below, Sophomore hurler Mark Alson fires a fastball in to catcher Justin Rodibaugh.



Sophomore Sensations

In the picture above, Jesse Kennedy and Justin Rodibaugh get ready to trot out to their positions at South Newton.

Johnny on the Spot

In the picture to the right, Freshman John Head makes a routine play at third base. Head filled in at third this year and did an excellent job. Head also starred on the freshman team during the season.



Over Hit'n The It Edge Hard

Put it Past 'em:

Senior Pitchers Matt Kiger and Brian Nagel speed the ball past their competition. Both of these ball players pitched a wonderful season and should be proud of their senior year accomplishments.

Hitting It Home

Junior Jared Courtney hits another homer for his team, one of his many for the 1999 season.



Baesballs Don't Hurt

Senior Justin Roberts shows no pain as he takes a stinging hit in the back for his team mates.



R.C.H.S. TOPS the Charts

TEAM SCORES

	VI	VII
South Newton	8	3
Lowell	8	6
Lowell	5	11
West Central	12	1
McClellan	4	7
Benton Central	2	7
Benton Central	4	11
Tri-County	5	5
North Judson	10	11
North Judson	11	7
Rehco	12	2
Burton	7	9
Cracker	9	4
West Lafayette	2	1
West Lafayette	12	6
Endicott Valley	1	16
Winamac	15	5
Merrillville	4	8
Twin Lakes	6	5
Twin Lakes	3	11
North Newton	9	2
North Newton	3	3
Kurtz	10	0
Belpointe	6	3
Belpointe	8	7
Tri-County	10	0



Senior hits it long and hard:

Senior Jatin Patel is one of many Bomber sluggers who hit the ball long. Mr. RBI continued to add to his stats as he helped the team score against opponents.



1999 Boys Varsity Baseball

Back row from left: Coach Clay Webb, Coach Sam Cox, Kevin Zacher, Adam Alson, Brett Kosanovich, Dave Risner, Bryan Rodibaugh, Matt Kiger, Brian Nagel, Matt Coach Stevens, Coach Brian Zacher. Front row from left: Heather Lyons, Amy Shide, Jared Courtney, Jatin Patel, Justin Roberts, Garrett, Alson, Sean Cawby, Ryan Stanley, Kyle Nagel, and Candi Wilkerson.



Team Celebration

The varsity baseball team gathers around home plate as Junior Adam Alson hits a two run homer. High Fives are given all around.



Juniors can hit too

Junior Adam Alson knocks another ball out of the park showing his senior teammates that he can hit the long ball as well.

With the addition

It's all

of a new coach the

about

cheerleaders had

the

an awesome year

spirit!

and more to come.

FLOATING ALONG

Varsity cheerleaders Danelle Nagel, Alison Moore and Rebekah Hansen wave in between tosses of candy to the crowd during the Homecoming parade.

GO BOMBERS GO!

Senior Lauren McIntyre and Junior Alisha Harper help fire up the crowd during our bonfire the night before Homecoming.



Take a Break

At one of the year's cold football games, the majority of the group stops for a quick shot to mug for the camera. In the back row is Morgan Keiper, Megan Wood, Leslie Kennedy, Angie Rusk, Dayna Morris, and Danielle Klopp. In the front row is Sarah Gaines, Rebekah Hansen, Jessica Mercer, Alisha Harper, Danelle Nagel, Lauren McIntyre, Kim McClellan, Alison Moore, Jessica Arnett, and Megan Casey.



YELL FOR THE BOMBERS!

Sophomore Allison Moore and Junior Rebekah Hansen smile and cheer on the crowd at a McCutcheon basketball game.



SADLY IT COMES TO AN END...

Juniors Alisha Harper and Megan Casey give hugs to Senior Lauren McIntyre during the Senior Awards Night ceremonies. Four years of dedication to a sport loved, but as fate may have it, all things must come to a close.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

(Top row from left) Coaches Amiee McKuhen and Margo Roberts; (middle row) Allison Moore, Lauren McIntyre, Rebekah Hansen, Leslie Kennedy; and (front row) Morgan Keiper, Danelle Nagel, Jessica Mercer, and Megan Casey.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

(Top row from left) Megan Wood, Sarah Gaines, Angie Morris; and (front row) Kim McClellan, Jessica Arnett, and Alisha Harper.



FRESH CHEERLEADERS

(From left) Danielle Kopp, Alexis Simmons, Rhiannon Hartwell, Millie Waling, and Dayna Rusk.

How funky is your chicken? -Student

As you end the walk with Lloyd, he will take

you to your final stop on the tour of RCHS. This

scenic place will give you an idea of how talented, fun,

and crazy some of the

students can be. In

this section you can

find out where you fit

in the swingin' social

life of RCHS. From

hanging out in the halls

to cruising after hours,

high school is the "best

of life" - so far.

Life

*A complete
picture of the
quirks of
R.C.H.S.
students.*

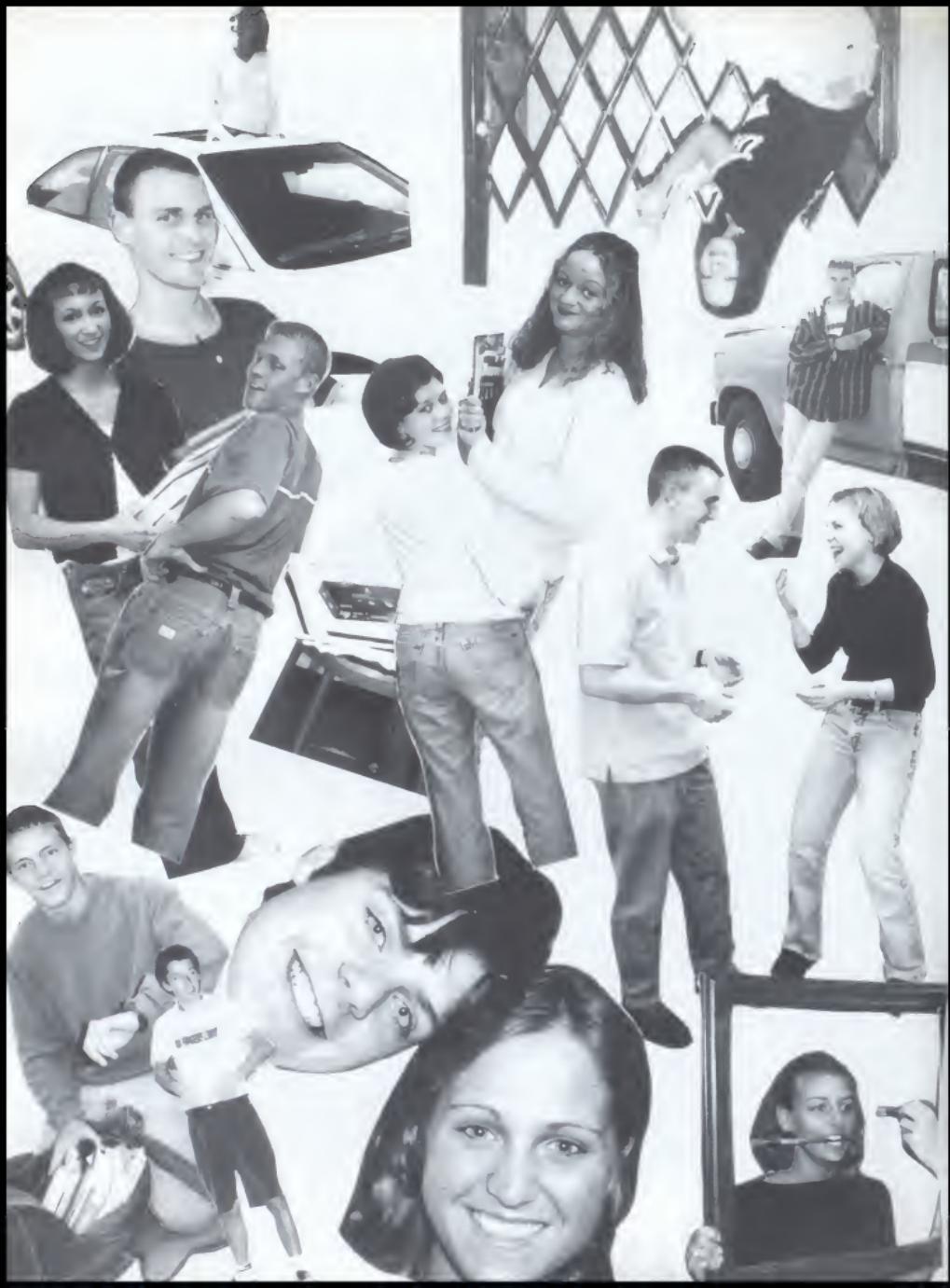


Mr. Bill Oates and Meeghan Smith stuff Brittany Sweeney into the trash for a BomberVision lunch menu. Sophomores gather in the hall for the ritual morning "help" session. Jason Thompson slams one in for Junior Achievement. Blake Weiss is making a not-so-funny impression on upperclassman Kim McClellan. Seniors Lars Kritofferson and Justin Roberts strut their stuff down the hall on the way into MORP. Can you believe these people? Aren't they sooooo funny!?.



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The STAGE Crew

Jarod Courtney, Josh Clouse, Andy Blasky, Jason Robinson, Amber Mattocks, Tara Burman, Jodi Graf, Lori Lane, Ray Yeoman, Nick Ames, Dave Shanley, Scott Walker, Brad Daniels, and Jason Dobson.



Cowboy Denny

All of these friends not only enjoy hanging out at school but they also find time to get together after school hours. The STAGE parking lot is the perfect place where they can discuss hot topics..



Saving lives

Making a difference in the world.

**"I want to work
in Pediatrics one
day. Children's
systems respond
so differently to
trauma. It's very
interesting."**



Megan Critser

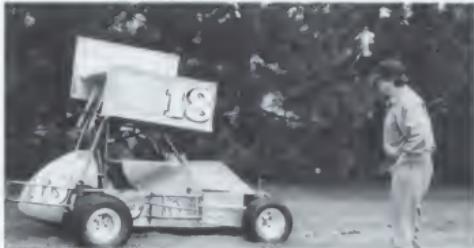
Megan Critser spent six months of her senior year taking classes to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician. She spent four hours, two nights a week, in class. After she finished her 48 clinical hours, a written exam, and passed a skills test, she was awarded her license.

Critser is employed in Carroll County as an EMT. She enjoys her exciting job and new responsibilities. The job can be a real challenge though. For example, a person can be suffering from shortness of breath and Megan has to figure out what the cause is. "It could be sixty different things. This job takes sharpened problem solving skills," she shared.

Megan has come in contact with some real trauma situations. "The scariest problem to treat is a 'code patient.' This person has suffered a heart attack and their heart is not beating and they are not breathing. We basically have to bring them back to life."

In Our Spare Time

Check out these involved seniors who not only made time for school and homework, but also had hobbies and interesting jobs outside of school!



A Little Help from Dad.
Nathan Schleman receives some driving instruction from his dad. Nathan knows what he's doing, but a little help never hurts.



VVRROOOOMMM!
Nathan Schleman and Jake Nagel enjoy racing their "babies." Built from scratch, #18 and #26 are their pride and joy. Here they stand with their prized possessions.



Aren't we good-looking?
Nathan (#18) and Jake (#26) pose here for a picture in their cars.



...and they're off!!
Above, Jake Nagel, and below, Nathan Schleman are in their cars and ready to roll. Race day is a stressful day and you can tell that these guys are prepared to do their best.

The Weekend

Rensselaer isn't exactly a place where there is a lot "happennin'" on a weekend, but with a town full of original kids and creative minds, something is bound to arise.

A Teacher's Weekend



One RCHS studies teacher, Mr. Potter, who teaches U.S History and sociology, says that he enjoys just going out with his friends for dinner and drinks - lemonade that is.



Cruise'n around



Andy Blasky claims he keeps himself entertained by cruising downtown and hanging out at the Stage parking lot in the college square.

Yield 27



Bands in school these days seems to be rather popular. However, there are those students who aren't talented enough to make it in a real band. Those students, like Alex Kingman, Jared Steffen, Alex Abel, and Steve Dumas wanted to form their own more personalized band. Yield 27 was first started by Alex Kingman and Jarod Steffen. They started out by just playing their guitars but then moved up to drums and even singing songs like, "Machine Head," "867-5309," and "Ants Marching." However, they didn't stop there. They moved on to produce their own music. Keep listening for the band's next appearance.

Teen Issues

Our teenage years are probably going to be some of the toughest times of our lives. Just like grown-ups have issues they have to do deal with, teenagers have some of their own. Here are some of the things that are on most of teenagers minds.



College Choices

Lindsey Jeffries, who is currently a junior in high school, believes that a major teen issue is college choice. There isn't enough help for students who are trying to find the right type of college for them. Going to the right school influences your life, so the right choice needs to be made.



Meeghan Smith
Junior



Brittany Sweeney
Junior



Amy Hanewich
Senior

School shootings

Sarah Brown was a Senior in 1999, and she strongly believed that her society had a big issue about kids and violence. She took measures so that everyone else was also aware of local teen feelings. After the Colorado high school shooting at Littleton, she wrote a letter that expressed her views on the topic. Wanting everyone to know about how she felt, and she sent it to the most important people in the U.S., including the President.

Getting Personal

The three students to the left believed that the use of drugs among high school students is a very big problem. They all agreed:

"Even though we don't live in a big city, drugs are still a problem. It seems every year someone new is getting addicted to some kind of drug, whether it be alcohol, cigarettes, or marijuana. We want students to know that there are many other ways to have fun."

Sunshine Girls?

No longer was the Sunshine Society a female's domain. Brian Nagel and JR Studer joined forces with the girls this year when they became members. They put in their fair share of work before the dance too.



My Sweet Princesses

From left are Ashley Hayworth(9th), Kaye Rodibaugh(10th), Sarah Bailey(11th), Beth Hannon (12th), Rebekah Hansen (11th), Kristina Russell (12th), and in front Beth Fish, the Sunshine Queen (12th).



Celestial Fantasy

A night of sparkle and shine

The dance was
from 8:00 pm
until 11:00 pm.

The DJ service
was provided by
96.5 WAZY and
here is what a
few had to say
about it.



Seniors Cory Malchow and Barb Lewis said,
"Everyone was lookin' good
and havin' a groovy time
before, during, and after."



Swaying to the Beat

Above is a shot of all of those groovin' to the music and just being close to their dates.

Work, Work, Work

Senior Susan Wakeland is busy working on props for the dance so that the gym would look its finest.





Photographs
and memories
... and a time
to cherish.
Such comments
like this one
from Courtney
Lakin, class of
2001, "This
was one of the
best dances
that Sunshine
has put on!"
proves that
this was a
magical night.



Behind the Scenes

The girls that put all of their heart and soul into the Sunshine Dance every year are pictured to the left. Actually, are just lounging for awhile, but they will soon get back to doing a great job!

Magical Entrance

Below is the entrance to the dance. As you can see, many have stepped out for a "breather" from the swingin' dance inside.



The Last Dance

Kelly Brantner, Andrea Virok, and Kristina Russell- who are all seniors- stop for a photo at their last Sunshine Dance.



Radiant Glow

Freshman princess Ashley Hayworth glows with excitement from her previous win alongside her date Brian Lakin.



Personality Perks



LIFE STRATEGIES

YOU EITHER GET IT, OR YOU DON'T.

You create your own experience.

PEOPLE DO WHAT WORKS.

You cannot change what you do not acknowledge.

LIFE REWARDS ACTION.

There is no reality, only perception.

LIFE IS MANAGED, NOT CURED.

We teach others how to treat us.

THERE IS FREEDOM IN FORGIVENESS.

You have to name it to claim it.

LIFE QUOTES

Some people come into our lives
and stay for awhile.

Others go quickly and leave
footprints on our hearts;
And our lives are never the same.

Be aware that the only
ceiling life has is the
one you give it.

Success is getting what you want;
happiness
is wanting what you get.

DEALING WITH PEOPLE

Reciprocity- You get what you give.

TYPES OF PEOPLE

1. **THE PORCUPINE** -Have a chip on the shoulder
2. **PAWS UP** -Totally defenseless posture
3. **THE KINGS OR QUEENS OF THE FOREST** - Think more highly of themselves than those around them do
4. **THE POSERS** - Mannequins, act in a superficial manner
5. **THE PEOPLE EATER** - Controls everyone and everything
6. **THE DRAMA QUEEN** - Everything is dramatic, nothing is ordinary
7. **THE VICTIM** - Accountable for nothing, everything happens to him or her
8. **THE EINSTEIN ANALYZERS** - Know-It-All's; analysis is paralysis
9. **CONSPIRATOR GOSSIPERS** - Always looking over their shoulders, spreading exclusive news
10. **YEAH, BUT** - Always have an exception
11. **SCARLETT O'HARA** - Chooses not to address a problem
12. **THE MASK** - Tries to hide something
13. **JEKYLL-AND-HYDE** - Unpredictable
14. **GOODY TWO-SHOES** - Blind to the fact that some people are less than pure in heart and motives
15. **PERFECTO** - Have to be perfect
16. **CHICKEN LITTLE** - The world's coming to an end
17. **WHINERS** - Nothing is ever okay
18. **GUILTMONGERS** - Use guilt as a way to keep other people down

EXCELLENCE CAN BE ATTAINED IF YOU ...

- care more than others think is wise
- risk more than others think is safe
- dream more than others think is practical
- expect more than others think is possible

Inspirational

Story

Sometimes people come into your life, and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, to teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be, but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way. And sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would never have realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart. Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of true greatness, and the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable but dull and utterly pointless. The people you meet who affect your life, and the success and downfalls you experience, help to create who you are and who you become. You can even learn from the bad experiences. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when you open your inner self. If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but also because in a way, they are teaching you to love and to open your heart and eyes to many different experiences. Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience them again. Talk to people whom you have never talked to before, and actually listen. Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself that you are a great individual, and believe in yourself, because if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make anything of your life, anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets. Most importantly, if you love someone, tell them - you never know what tomorrow may have in store. And learn a lesson in life each day you live. Today is the tomorrow you were worried about yesterday.

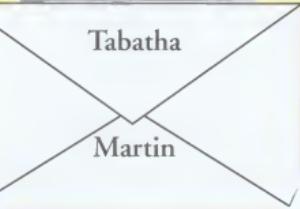
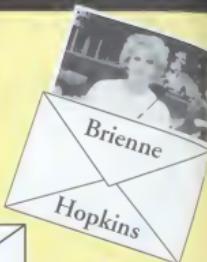
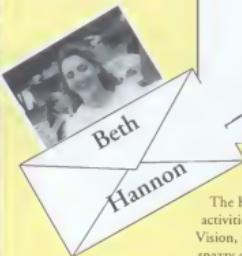
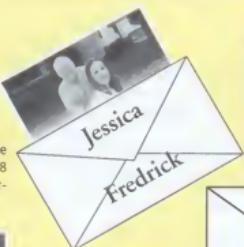
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Homecoming: A great night for tears and cheers!

And The Winner Is...

Passing The Reign On

The 1997 Homecoming Queen, Bree Bailey places the crown on the 1998 Homecoming Queen Tabatha Martin.



The Homecoming Queen candidates had a full week of activities. Some of these included appearances on Bomber Vision, pictures taken for the *Rensselaer Republican*, rides in snazzy cars in the Homecoming Parade, and on Friday they practiced walking down the center aisle (50 yard line) of the football field. Friday night was the big event, the annual Homecoming Football game.



Who Will It Be?

The 1998 Homecoming Queen candidates and their escorts anxiously wait to hear who the queen will be. From left are Beth Hannon and Tom Alberts, Tabatha Martin and Sean Cawby, Kelly Vogt and JR Studer, Brienne Hopkins and Luke Tillett, and Jessica Fredrick and Jatin Patel.

Look At Those Crazy Bomber Fans!

Brian Hannon, Kyle Curtis, Jarod Steffen, Kevin Gillespie, and other pumped up Bomber fans cheer on the football players. Although the Bombers were not victorious, they fought a tough game and lost 17-38, to the Red Devils.





"I'm A Devil"

Brendan Riley poses for a devilish picture before boarding the senior float in the Homecoming Parade.



Another Scrumptious Breakfast!

Teachers enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast prepared by the Sunshine Society's officers. Pictured to the left is Mr. Zimmer, being served by Jill Wiltfang and Allison Allie.

Go Fight Win!

Bomber fans stand at the fence watching their football team attempt a victory. The fans are also anxiously awaiting halftime for the homecoming queen candidates to travel down the field. The cameras are ready, and crowd is ready to explode with excitement.



Congratulations, Dr. Ryan!

The 1998 homecoming Grand Marshall was former English teacher and new assistant principal Dr. Tom Ryan.

2001 Wins Class Float Contest

The Sophomore class walked away as the winner of the class float competition in the Homecoming Parade.



MR. BOMBER

And this years 1999 winner is.....

Luke Tillett!

Highest Honors

To the right is Luke Tillett and Brienne Hopkins. Luke was elected by his class to be the 1999 Mr. Bomber.



How sweet it is!

In the photo above, Brienne Hopkins pins a carnation onto Luke Tillett's jacket before the the Mr. Bomber ceremony begins.

Good Sport

To the right, Sean Cawby congratulates Luke when it is announced that Mr. Tillett is now Mr. Bomber.





The King Himself

Pictured to the left and all smiles is Luke Tillett with his escort Brienne Hopkins.

CANDIDATES AND THEIR ESCORTS



Alex Kingman & Beth Hannon



Yo Gutwein & Sarah Brown



Sean Cawby & Tabatha Martin



Justin Roberts & Allison Allie



Good Humor Boys
Calmng their nerves before the crowning, Alex Kingman and Justin Roberts give the group some light-hearted insight!

FINALISTS

Lined up just before the big moment are (back row from left) Justin Roberts, Alex Kingman, Yo Gutwein, Sean Cawby, and Luke Tillett. In front are Alison Allie, Beth Hannon, Sarah Brown, Tabatha Martin, and Brienne Hopkins

RCHS gets groovy with Yield 26 at the annual Morp dance. Morp, or backwards prom, is a time to dress down and get down with your best self before the "Big Dance."

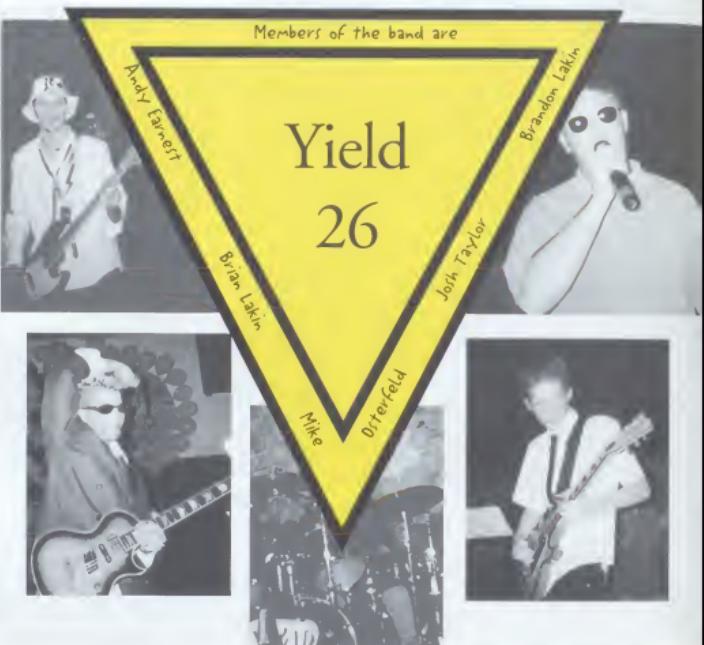
Yield 26 Entertains

RCHS

Brandon Lakin hits the high notes on lead vocals, Andy Ernest gets the bass bouncing, Mike Osterfeld beats it on the drums, Brian Lakin strums it on the guitar, while Josh Taylor struts his stuff on lead guitar.

I'm A "Chick Magnet"

Nick Black drives the ladies at RCHS absolutely mad with his rendition of the catchy, punk, MxPx tune. It was obvious to see that Nicholas was dancing "For the Love of Money."



Fans go Crazy Over Yield 26!

Jennifer Whitaker, Rebekah Hansen, and Jessica Mercer along with many others get into the groove at Morp.

No Strings Attached

Andy Ernest and Josh Taylor play popular tunes on their guitars to provide pure listening pleasure to fellow RCHS comrades.



F U N F E S T

Luke Sayers is the comedian at the talent show, giving his impersonation of Jim Carey, "All Righty Then."



Amanda Gutwein is jumping hard for a victory in the sack race, which was part of the relays.

The freshmen stun the audience with their impersonations of Brittany Spears; the impersonators consist of Heather Ensign, Meg Nagel, Rhiannon Hartwell, and Brooke Hewitt.



Sarah Brown, Andy Earnest, and Jessica Fredrick are all tangled up as they play Twister.



Mrs. Churchill and her sister, Mrs. Spurgeon, act like two whiny seniors at RCHS.



Kyle Nagel looks beat after the obstacle course.



Kristina Russell and Jessica Taulman get all gooey with a twirl in between their heads as they compete in the relays.



The seniors and the juniors face-off as they play tug-of-war; it looks like the juniors are going down.



Brett Kosanovich makes a slide for it on a soapy slip and slide as he participated in the obstacle course.

Who will win?

Meeghan Smith and Megan Casey duke it out in a pillow fight, one of the many after prom activities that they enjoyed.



The Queen and her King

To the right, 1999 Prom King Luke Tillett and Prom Queen Beth Hannon pose for a professional photograph.



Prom '99

Good times and Memories

The 1999 Senior

Prom theme

"Wonderful

Tonight" was

based on a song

by Eric Clapton.



Brian Hannon and Kevin get a little bit cosy.



Sarah Gaines smiles for the camera at Prom.

Fun Time Had

By All



Hey Guys, look over here!

Mugging above, three junior boys, Jarod Steffen, Bryan Rodibaugh, and Eric Nagel, take a minute out of their busy after prom activities to smile at the camera. Many of the activities, like bowling with an uncooked turkey, kept students happy, awake, and safe.

Look into my eyes

In the photo on the right, Junior Rebekah Hansen, looks up at her date, Senior Josh Taylor, while they dance to one of the many slow songs at Prom.



"Wonderful Tonight"

The RCHS social set really enjoyed Prom and AfterProm

1999.



"After-prom was

great! You had time

to spend with

friends. It was a

break away from the

normal routine."

Sophomore Courtney

Woodruff



Can we stay this way forever? In the picture to the left, freshman Kate Tatlock and her date, junior Adam Zacek, dance a slow song at prom.

What did you say? Kasey Goad listens as Dede Wiener tells her what she did before Prom. Many prom-goers decided to go out of town and eat. Some hung out at malls for a little bit, while others went to fun places like Celebration Station.



Look at my hands!

Jason Robinson shows Becky Moore and Jake Nagel his tired hands from dancing all night long.



It takes any two to tango

Meeghan Smith and Megan Casey, do the tango at Prom. They weren't the only ones to dance with the same sex. Alex Kingman and Yo Gutwein did a swing dance together.

*Yesterday is a memory; tomorrow a hope;
but, today is ours.*

SENIOR CLASS OF 1999

Partylike it's 1999

Pop singer Prince would sure be happy to see the class of 1999 party like it's graduation day. With silly string, a blow horn, and a little toilet paper, June 6, 1999 turned out to be a great day.

Father-Daughter Time

Senior Cara Ockermann and Superintendent Mitch Ockermann, who happens to be her proud father, share a heartfelt hug at graduation.



#1 Support Team

Valedictorian Luke Tilletti, senior class sponsors Kelley Spurgeon and Jan Benner, Principal David Day, Vice-Principal Tom Ryan, and Superintendent Mitch Ockermann watch as the Class of 1999 prepares to bid adieu to RCHS.

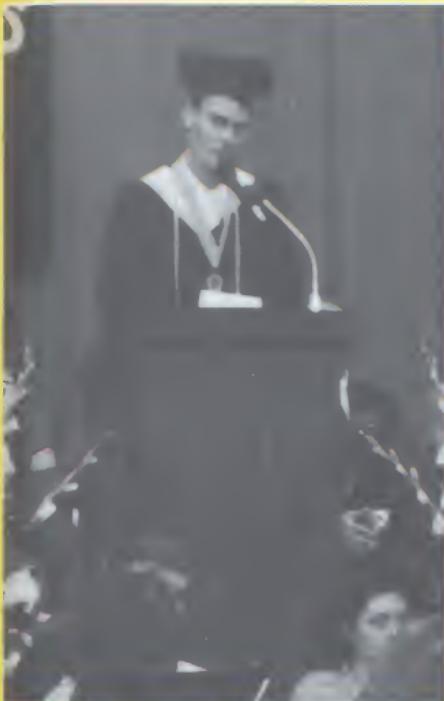
Oh Thank You!

Beth Hannon takes the plunge of receiving the diploma that will set her on her way to a vast and interesting world.



Words of wisdom

Mike Tallett was the Class of 1999 valedictorian. He gave a wonderful speech about how there is more to life than just the American dream, and that you should always seek the truth from God.



A walk down memory lane.

Sara Putt was the Class of 1999 salutatorian. Sara helped her class reminisce about all the fantastic and unforgettable moments in their school career like "Mmm, this corn sure is tasty!"



My Tribute to the Senior Class of 1999

Brienne Hopkins and Josh Taylor sing a song they wrote in dedication to the Class of 1999. The song was very emotional, considering it was about the strong love amongst the classmates.



A little piece of Africa.

Andy Earnest, Kristi Zobel, and Robb Pfaff play a tune from an African ritual ceremony during the 1999 graduation program.



Alma Mater

The senior choir sang the Rensselaer Central Alma Mater to the senior class of 1999. The seniors who sang were (top row from left) Amy Peterson, Heather Hofmeyer, Kelly Brantner, Lars Krisofferson, Derek Goad, Josh Taylor, Nick Black; (middle row) Shelly Bailey, Laura Meyers, JR Studer, Brandon Lakin, Mark Slade, Desi Hopkins, Beth Houston, Jennifer Wicks; and (front row) Tiffany Jordan, Kelly Vogt, Dede Wiener, and Sarah Stone.

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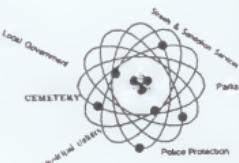


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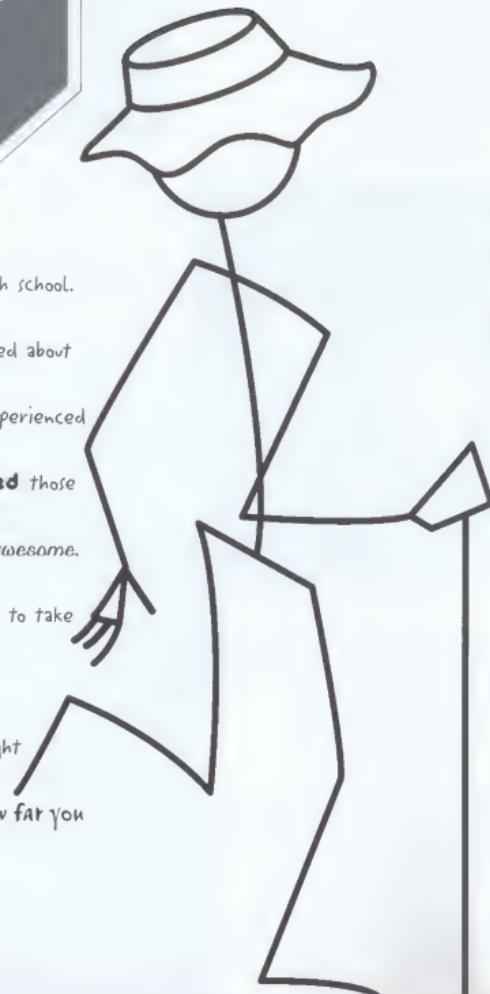
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World News



French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates \$40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



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A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.

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In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.

After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated \$1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



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On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.



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In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

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On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.



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NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station Alpha. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



NASA

The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.



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After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a \$1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.



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President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



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Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.



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On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

National News



Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.



President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.



The U.S. Treasury unveils a new \$20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.



President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.



Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.



Photo: Crazy Horse Memorial, R. DeWitt



A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.



After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.



In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.

National News

Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.



AP Photo/Gary Cameron, Pool



AP Photo/David Moseley

Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of \$338 million.



Reuters/Jim Bourg/Archive Photos



AP Photo/David Moseley

Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.



AP Photo/Ruth Fremson

In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over \$131 million in aid.



AP Photo/David Martin

Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.



AP Photo/Associated Press

A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.

Flash

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1990 fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chitthum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.

Science News



© NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.



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© Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.



© The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



© A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.



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© Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



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© John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.



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© A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

Science News

The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.9 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.



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Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



AP Photo/Americas Museum of Natural History, L. Meeker

Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.

Flash

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCory discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.



On August 12, the \$1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.



Princeton University

Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.



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Lifestyle News



Lovegey, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegey, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

▲ A USA Today investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe-drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.



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● Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furlish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

● WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyeglasses.



● Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



● PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



Karen Ducey

● Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.



AP Photo/John Gaps III

● In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

Lifestyle News

As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.



A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.



AP Photo/LNS

Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.



For \$20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.



Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

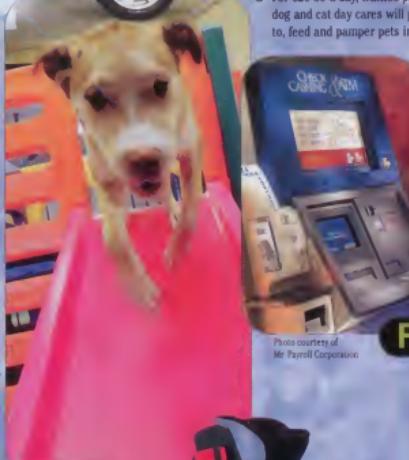


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Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool \$600.

Flash

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.

Entertainment News



◆ Hearthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."



◆ NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.



◆ Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

◆ Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.



◆ Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.



◆ Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.



◆ Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record \$39.1 million in its November opening weekend.



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Entertainment News

Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.



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Warner Bros./Shooting Star

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.

AP Photo/Taco Bell, HJ



In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.



AP Photo/Courtesy of Everett Collection



Dorothy Linn/Shooting Star

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



AP Photo/WB, James Sconson

The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

Flash

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include:

Citizen Kane, 1941
Casablanca, 1942
The Godfather, 1972
Gone With the Wind, 1939
Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
The Wizard of Oz, 1939
The Graduate, 1967
On the Waterfront, 1954
Schindler's List, 1993
Singin' In the Rain, 1952



AP Photo/Mitch

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.

Music News

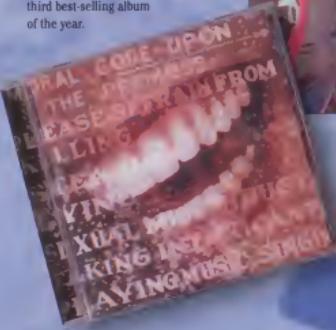


DPA/WENN.COM

► Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.



► Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.



► Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 465,000 copies in the first week.

► In January 1998, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

► The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.



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► Nineteen-year-old Usher is named *Billboard* Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.



► Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.



► Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

Music News

Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like *Cherry Poppin' Daddies* (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.



AJ Photo/File



AP Photo/Michael S. Wirtz

Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.



Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor*, makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.



Bettina/Stereo/Marcus/Archive Photos

The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.



Bettina/Stereo/Marcus/Archive Photos

Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist

honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."



Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



KOVA/TERRYGLEN/Retna

In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.



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Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include *Titanic* and *Return to Titanic*, *City of Angels*, *Armageddon*, *Hope Floats*, *Dr. Doolittle* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

Sports News

Reuter's, AP/Wide World Photos



◆ Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.



◆ Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.



◆ On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.

◆ In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.

◆ NBC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.



◆ Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenceman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.



AP Photo/Susan A. Webb



◆ Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



AP Wirephoto/ABC



◆ Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (Flojo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Sports News

© In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.



© Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

AP Photo/John Gaps III



© Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.

AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez



© The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

© Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



© The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.

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AP Photo/Kirk Bowser

© In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Elysées and injures 60 people.

AP Photo/Leslie F. Lunsford



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© St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

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© On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.

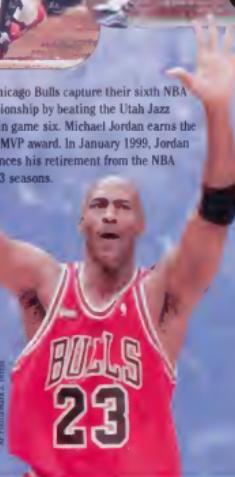
Flash

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.



Faces News

Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.



○ Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.



○ Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is crowned Chatfield Senior High School's homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1 ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.



○ After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.



○ NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

○ Hirofumi "The Tokyo Terror" Nakajima (right), reigning world hot dog eating champion, eats 19 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to win the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.



○ Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



○ Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.



Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Mr. and Mrs. David Weinick advertise for a wife and choose phony students Elizabeth Ruiz and Jim 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinick marry the same day.

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